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SVR steaming back as figures improve

SEVERN Valley Railway has had a welcome boost after more passengers than expected travelled on the heritage line in April.

Latest figures reveal 18,273 visited last month, adding to increased numbers in February and March. Passenger totals for the last three months were 24,949 – 4,412 higher than expected at the beginning of the year. It is hoped the success will continue through the year and reverse a trend which saw numbers plummet by 23,000 in 2010 – and the loss of 12 jobs

Celebration

Visitor services manager David Mee said: "We are not going to tempt fate by declaring we are in the midst of a grand-scale recovery. However, there are certainly grounds for us to feel cautiously optimistic."

He said visitor numbers were boosted by family events over Easter and the May Day Bank Holiday.A visit by Postman Pat to the Engine House Visitor Centre, Highley, attracted more than 5,000 people over the Easter Weekend

Easter Saturday proved to be the busiest day with 1,677 visitors.

The railway also did brisk business on April 29 despite the Royal Wedding.

Mr Mee said: "The numbers which came to visit were very good given the competition on the day."

Bosses said that they were focusing on holding more family-themed events at the steam railway to boost visitor numbers further this summer.

LAST BLOGS OF BRAVE MOTHER

A KIDDERMINSTER choir member who wrote an inspirational blog to tell of her innermost thoughts as she battled motor neurone disease has died.

In a final computer entry, two weeks before her death, 69-year-old Pauline Taylor wrote about her grand-daughter's second birthday.

Unable to speak since last August, Mrs Taylor, of Siskin Way, Spennells, wrote of a visit to an arboretum and meeting friends at Kidderminster's Kemp Hospice.

In the months before she spoke movingly and frankly of her illness and how her husband, Alan, and daughters, Helen Townsend and Sharon Grove, cared for her.

In the last blog entry, she wrote: "Although I was not unhappy or miserable, I just felt very sad that I can't walk easily and live a normal life, like we all just take for granted.

"I feel that I am becoming a real burden, and this illness is robbing me of all I have striven to achieve."

Mrs Taylor, a member of Kidderminster Valentines female choir for 10 years, used to be a fit woman who swam regularly and did aerobics.

After being diagnosed in September 2009, she worked to raise money and awareness for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) Worcester branch, making greetings cards, which she sold for the charity.

Mrs Taylor died on Easter Sunday and her funeral was on Monday at St Mary's Church, Kidderminster.

Everyday

The Valentines are to sing at a concert to raise money for MNDA at Baxter Church, Kidderminster, this Saturday at 7pm.

Husband Alan Taylor, aged 70, said: "She bore the problem of motor neurone disease very stoically.

"Pauline was just an everyday housewife and mother – but she was a brilliant one".

Visit motorneu rone.blogspot.com/ to read the blog.

● The all-female choir in which Mrs Taylor sang, Kidderminster Valentines, is supporting the Motor Neurone Association at a concert this weekend.

The Valentines will be joined by Powick Parish Community Choir, The Vocalettes, Severnside School of Dance and Encounter Dance Troupe at Baxter United Reformed Church, in Mason Road, Kidderminster ,on Saturday, May 14 at 7pm.

For tickets, call Judy Morris on 01562 751753.



Motor neurone disease victim Pauline Taylor

"I feel I'm becoming a real burden, and this illness is robbing me of everything I have striven to achieve"



Tasty treat for carnival queen Jessica Homan with chef Arshad Ahmed

Queen Jessica curries favour

FAMILY-run takeaway Indian Style is cooking up a treat for Kidderminster Carnival by donating an evening's takings as sponsorship for this year's event.

First duty for the newly-crowned Kidderminster Carnival Queen, Jessica Homan, was to learn how to flambé garlic as she helped promote the offer planned for next Thursday and expected to raise at least £200.

Indian Style's owner, Mumshad Ahmed, said customers buying takeaway meals from the Comberton Place premises on that evening will be supporting the carnival.

Heartbeat

"We are always looking for opportunities to put something back into the community we serve. I know the carnival is always in need of sponsorship, so it's great to be able to help and to be part of the town's biggest fun, community event of the year."

He and his family pride themselves in offering healthy Indian food, using less than four per cent fat and no ghee. It is the only business of its kind in Wyre Forest to have received both Heartbeat and Clean Food awards.

The French connection

FAR Forest Lea Memorial CE Primary School has begun an educational partnership with a French school, with the aim of forging strong student links and teacher exchanges for the benefit of pupils.

Headteacher Tara Collins-Bullock said: "The school is now in partnership with Ecole Elementaire de Saint Pouange and it is with great pleasure that we welcome our first French visitor, Mlle Emilie Niess, to Far Forest.

"Over the coming months the children will have the opportunity of creating and sharing photographs and videos of themselves speaking and practicing their French, and for our French pupils, an opportunity to practise their spoken and written English in a fun and enjoyable way."

The hopes that this new language initiative will help not only with the children's French studies, but will also be used in other lessons such as PE as pupils learn new French sports.



Head Tara Collins-Bullock, left, with visiting exchange teacher Emilie Niess, Lynda Astill, and pupils Natasha Watts, Scott Whatmore and Eva Higgins

Son's protest talks

HIGH-LEVEL talks are being held over foreign doctors working in the UK following a campaign by Kidderminster GP Stuart Gray.

The General Medical Council is working with the Department of Health on monitoring the language skills of doctors from the EU coming to work in Britain.

Competency

Dr Gray's father,, David ,died in 2008 when Daniel Ubani, a doctor from Germany on his first shift as a locum in the UK, gave him a massive overdose of diamorphine. Ubani was struck off in the UK, but is still able to work in Germany.

Dr Gray, whose surgery is in Cradley Heath, has been campaigning with his brother Rory for a change in out-of-hours services. They want the GMC can test the competency and language skills of doctors – not currently permitted in the EU.

Dr Gray said: "The GMC is looking at measures to strengthen the testing of the language skills of European doctors, with various proposals in the pipeline."

Liberals link to independents

Two political groups have joined forces to form a new opposition on Wyre Forest Council following last week's election.

The five-strong Liberal Group and two Independents Group announced the alliance saying, it would give them "a stronger voice" in future decisions.

They will now sit on the Tory-run authority as a joint Liberal and Independent Group with a total of seven seats – ahead of Labour.

● **Election round-up** – **see page 2**

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Detectives called in on leaflets complaint

POLICE are investigating a complaint that Wyre Forest Labour party leaflets attempted to mislead the electorate.

The Wyre Forest Liberal party says leaflets constantly referred to Tory-Liberal cuts in an attempt to link the Liberal Party with the Liberal Democrats in the public's mind.

But a Labour Party representative said today the leaflets were "not intentionally misleading" and said the term Tory-Liberal had been used by national media.

The row concerns leaflets issued in Offmore & Comberton and Greenhill wards where Labour and Liberal candidates were standing.

West Mercia Police said it was looking into the allegations to see if any offence was committed.

Cynical

Fran Oborski, Liberal group leader, said the leaflets also referred to a "Tory-Liberal" government. and were "quite obviously" seeking to link the Liberal party with the performance of the Liberal Democrats at a national level.

"This is a deeply cynical move by the local Labour Party. The Liberal Party is not linked in any way at all with The Liberal Democrats' coalition Government with the Conservative Party."We have made it very clear on every election leaflet we have issued – 42,000 during this local election campaign – that we are not the Liberal Democrats and we take grave exception to this behaviour by the Labour Party."



Victorious Conservative group leader Councillor John Campion checks that ballot boxes are sealed correctly



Peter Dyke, Independent



Labour leader Mike Kelly

Health party's chief fights on

THE leader of a party set up a decade ago to save Kidderminster Hospital's accident and emergency service has vowed to keep fighting despite it falling into fourth place in the 2011 elections.

Labour gained two seats last Thursday at the expense of Independent Community and Health Concern in the Wyre Forest Council elections.

Conservatives kept control of the council after reinforcing their overall majority and ICHC now only has four representatives on the authority – fewer than Labour's six and the Liberal Party's five.

But ICHC leader Councillor Nigel Thomas has denied it signals the end of the line for his party.

Emergency

The independent party was founded in 1999 as part of a campaign to save the closure-threatened accident and emergency services at Kidderminster Hospital.

The fight was unsuccessful and the A&E closed in 2000. A year later, Dr Richard Taylor was elected as an MP for the ICHC and by 2003 it had 21 councillors and was the authority's ruling group.

Since then the party has changed its name to Independent Community and Health Concern to reflect a widening of its campaign focus.

But it has steadily lost seats since and was rocked by Dr Taylor losing his parliamentary seat last year, followed by then leader Councillor Howard Martin defecting to Labour.

Councillor Thomas said: "We are not finished by any means. We still have active councillors and we have something to offer the people of Wyre Forest.

"Some said we wouldn't survive Dr Taylor being voted out of Parliament last year, but we have kept going. We have come through a difficult year."

The Tories hold 24 of the total 43 seats, after gaining one seat in Mitton from ICHC. Conservative leader Councillor John Campion said: "The biggest event of this election is the opposition changing as we see ICHC slip into virtual obscurity."

Seven Tory seats were up for grabs, three ICHC, two Labour, one Liberal and one Independent.

The Independent who retained his seat was Peter Dyke, who walked out of the Lib Dems weeks ago along with his wife Helen.

In Habberley & Blakebrook, Wyre Forest Labour leader Mike Kelly held on to his seat, along with Chris Nicholls in Cookley.



The clock nears 5am and results are still awaited at the Wyre Forest Glades centre



Nigel Thomas defiant

Sparking

Labour gained from ICHC in Areley Kings, with Vi Higgs ousting John Thomas, and Broadwaters.

Despite only 14 seats being up for grabs, the count at Forest Glades Arenadid not finish until 5am, sparking anger among some councillors who said it it was "a shambles".

Returning officer Ian Miller said the combination of district council, parish council and AV referendum counts this year had caused some delays.

● In the AV poll, 11,168 Wyre Forest electors voted Yes and 31,916 No – a 48.2 per cent turnout.

*Sitting councillor

Aggborough & Spennells
Peter Dyke* (Ind) 831
Gill Onslow (Con) 570
Dan Watson (Lab) 239
Liz Davies (ICHC) 220
Michael Troth (Lib Dem) 203
Tony Baker (UKIP) 149
Independent gain. Majority 261

Areley Kings
Vi Higgs* (Lab) 691
Ken Henderson (Con) 652
John Thomas (ICHC) 588
John Stephen (Lib Dem) 53
Labour gain. Majority 39

Bewdley & Arley
Jenny Greener* (Con) 1047
Paul Gittins (Lab) 681
Derek Killingworth (ICHC) 626
Jayne Smith (Lib Dem) 141
Con hold. Majority 366

Blakedown & Chaddesley
Stephen Williams* (Con) 1247
Matthew Nicholls (Lib) 198
Jean Prosser (Lib Dem) 142
Con hold. Majority 1049

Broadwaters
Adrian Sewell* (Lab) 602
Mary Rayner (ICHC) 558
Juliet Smith (Con) 521
Steven Walker (Ind) 181
Mark Haynes (Liberal) 144
Phil Oliver (Green) 89
Labour gain. Majority 44

Cookley
Chris Nicholls* (Lab) 538
Greta Smith (Con) 235
Les Rising (ICHC) 197
Labour hold. Majority 303

Franche
Anne Hingley* (Con) 1098
Nigel Knowles (Lab) 714
Michael Shellie (ICHC) 460
Steven Burns (Lib Dem) 66
Con hold. Majority 384

Greenhill
Paul Harrison* (Con) 701
John Stevenson (Liberal) 513
Vicky Smith (Lab) 484
Chris Thomas (ICHC) 333
Alexandra Heelis (Green) 103
Con hold. Majority 188

Habberley & Blakebrook
Michael Kelly* (Lab) 895
Susan Meekings (Con) 845
Jim Lawson (ICHC) 485
Clare Cassidy (Lib Dem) 87
Dave Finch (Green) 50
Labour hold. Majority 50

Lickhill
Jim Parish* (ICHC) 925
David Little (Con) 813
Jennifer Knowles (Lab) 363
ICHC hold. Majority 112

Mitton
Chris Rogers* (Con) 805
Cliff Brewer (ICHC) 778
Gary Watson (Lab) 399
Bill Jones (UKIP) 156
Steve Brown (Green) 89
Con gain. Majority 27

Offmore & Comberton
Michael Price* (Liberal) 977
Averil Chinn (Con) 794
Lee Wright (Lab) 461
Liberal hold. Majority 183

Sutton Park
Tracey Onslow* (Con) 822
Linda Candlin (ICHC) 388
Bill Bradley (Lab) 352
Adrian Beavis* (Lib Dem) 217
Michael Wrench (UKIP) 207
Mike Whitbread (Green) 61
Conservative hold. Majority 434

Wolverley
John Hart* (Con) 519
Caroline Shellie (ICHC) 267
Kate Spohrer (Green) 70
Conservative hold. Majority 252

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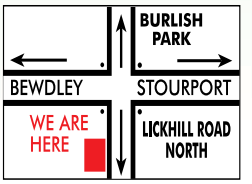
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Southwell takes Beakbane reins


Mike Southwell

A NEW boss is taking over at Kidderminster-based bellows and machinery protection specialist Beakbane.

Following his retirement, managing director Barry Reeves will hand over the reins to Mike Southwell, who joins the company from TRW.

Mr Southwell was previously managing director of TRW Conekt, which specialises in advanced sensing, control and actuation devices, and portfolio director for TRW European Steering Products.

Mr Reeves joined Beakbane as finance director in 1995 and was appointed managing director in 2006.

Recession

He has seen the company through the recession and overseen its best ever financial results as well as major investments in manufacturing plant and equipment and creating a strong research and product development facility.

Chairman Ken Worthing said: "Barry has been a highly respected and able leader and we are delighted to have secured someone of Mike's calibre to continue to take us forward.

"With his management expertise and experience of advanced manufacturing operations in a multi-national engineering organisation, Mike is ideally suited to help us continue to provide our existing customers with excellent products and services."


Barry Reeves

Homes bid at old driving test base

A HOUSING scheme for Kidderminster's former driving test centre has been submitted to Wyre Forest Council planners.

The Castle Road building has been empty since the centre was shut by the Driving Standards Agency two years ago.

Proposals for a change of use for the building to create three apartments have now been submitted by businessman Marek Daneshfar.

Agent Stephen Greybanks said the former offices would be turned into two four-bedroom apartments and a one-bedroom maisonette.

Car parking and secure cycle storage will be provided. No changes will be made to the outside of the building.

The centre closed in April 2009 despite a public campaign to save it which included a petition signed by more than 2,000 people.

Tom Lowe, aged 19, of Habberley, who protested against the closure, said he wasn't surprised by the plans.

Campaign

"We knew it wouldn't open as a test centre again. This is better than it sitting there empty and not being used," he said.

During the campaign to save the test centre, driving instructors from the town travelled to Downing Street to hand in a petition to Prime Minister Gordon Brown and invited Driving Standards Agency chief Rosemary Thew to a public meeting in Kidderminster in a bid to make her change her mind.

Learner drivers now have to travel to Lower Gornal, Worcester or Telford to take their tests.

The agency decided to close the base because it needed costly repairs and it did not suit modern day needs. But many of the 50 driving instructors using the centre argued that transferring driving tests would mean extra costs for candidates.

Neighbouring property owners in Castle Road, Park Rise and Park Street have been consulted on the plans.

Heritage room is opened for town

A NEW heritage room called Discover Stourport will be open to the public for the first time this weekend.

The room at 8a Bridge Street forms part of the Stourport Canal Basins Heritage Weekend.

Visitors will also be able to experience canal boat trips, a series of historic guided walks, a historic working boat and heritage rooms from noon to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, May 14-15.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Visitors will be able to explore the newly completed heritage room at Bridge Street, view exhibits loaned by Bewdley Museum and displays by Stourport Civic Society to discover more about life at Stourport in times past, including shops and trades that used to be a vital part of town life.

Knowledge

Visitors will also be able to enjoy the only opportunity this year for a trip on canal boat Dreamcatcher, which will be leaving the canal basins at 12.30pm, 2pm and 3.30pm.

Tickets can be reserved on 01299 822827 or purchased on the boat, space permitting.

On Sunday, there will be four heritage walks run by Wyre Forest Best Foot Forward to improve knowledge of the canal basins and to promote the benefits of Health Walking.

Call Geoff Shaw, of Best Foot Forward, for more details on 07540 672752.

Stourport Forward's chair, Pauline Annis, said: "The Heritage Weekend is a fantastic opportunity to discover more about the history of Stourport."

Time to send for back-up

A HI-TECH device may be fitted to the clock on a Grade II listed church in Bewdley to help it keep better time.

Bewdley Town Council says the clock on St Anne's Church, in Load Street, is not always reliable, especially after power cuts.

The council is now considering buying a power back-up at a cost of £753.

snap happy

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Care home must improve say concerned inspectors

A NURSING home near Kidderminster has been warned that it must improve record handling to ensure residents get enough food and drink, the correct medicine and general care.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) says it has "moderate concerns" about care and welfare at the 30-bed Foresters Nursing Home, Walton Pool, Clent, whether nutritional needs are always met and the management of medicines.

The CQC gave the Foresters, run by Redwood Care Homes Ltd, a month to say how it would improve.

Fiona Milne, the home's deputy manager said an action plan had already gone to the CQC and much had been done to ensure care plans were kept up to date and followed through.

Written

The CQC stepped in after concerns were raised by some relatives about whether residents always had enough to eat and drink.

A report said residents and relatives told inspectors that staff were kind.

"We found that information about the care people need was not always up to date or correctly written down for staff to refer to."

Hunt for louts who vandalised 12 cars

Police are appealing for witnesses and information after at least 12 cars were attacked in one evening in Kidderminster.

It happened between 5am and 5.30am on Sunday, April 24, in Farfield, Kidderminster.

Each of the cars had paintwork scratched, causing several thousand pounds-worth of damage in total.

Vigilant

Pc Phil Green said: "Two white males, thought to be in their late teens, were seen leaving the area towards Chester Road. One was wearing a check top and the other one was in dark clothes.

"We are eager to hear from anyone who remembers seeing these males or any suspicious activity in the area."

He added: "Neighbourhood Watch members are being asked to be extra vigilant and to make sure they report any suspicious activity to the police as soon as possible, preferably as it is happening."

Anyone with information can call Pc Green on 0300 333 3000, quoting 149-s-240411, or ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Fire crews rescue fowl

EIGHT geese were rescued by firefighters after a blaze broke out in a chicken coop near Kidderminster, but 20 young birds died.

Crews were called to the two storey brick hen house at a cottage in Stone Hill, near the Stone Manor Hotel, on May 1.

They were able to lead the geese to safety but crew commander Neil Bennett said around 20 goslings as they were already dead when the firefighters arrived.

Mr Bennett said: "It was a big fire and we were there about three hours. We were able to save the geese."

Villagers fuming over fly-tip blaze

PILES of rubbish and rubble including tyres which have been dumped on a secluded country lane in north Worcestershire have been set on fire.

Kidderminster firefighters say they had to put out two blazes in Crown Lane, Hartlebury, on May 1.



Burnt-out remains of rubbish in Crown Lane

While they were there they spotted a third mound of waste which also appeared to have been dumped. It included blocks of concrete, wooden boards and tyres.

Hartlebury parish councillor Tony Bishop said: "There are quite a few country lanes in Hartlebury and they are targeted by dumpers who won't pay the money to go to a legal tip.

Farmers

"Wychavon District Council has a tip line for anyone with information on flytippers."

Mr Bishop added: "The farmers are very upset as it is often dumped in the entrance to their fields."

Kidderminster fire station watch commander Tony Wilks said: "This kind of thing can cause problems for us – we could be out tackling a rubbish fire when we are needed somewhere else."

Wychavon Council's flytipping hotline is 01386 565656.

It is the responsibility of the land owner to clean up rubbish which has been dumped on private land.

Council chiefs say they will investigate all incidents of fly tipping and prosecute where possible.



Illegally dumped refuse spoils rural Crown Lane

Caravan in field stolen

A CARAVAN has been stolen from a field off Kinver Lane, Caunsall, near Kidderminster.

The white single-axle Bailey Magenta Pageant CD was taken between 5.20pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday, April 27.

Anyone with information is asked to call police in Kidderminster on 0300 333 3000, quoting 267-N-280411, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

A spokesperson said: "The offenders must have come equipped as they were able to break the locks on the caravan and tow it away."

Rail users meet

A LOCAL passenger group is giving the public the opportunity to meet train operators and planners face-to-face to express their concerns.

The Stourbridge Line User Group (SLUG), which supports users of the Birmingham to Worcester Railway, holds a public meeting at 7.30pm next Tuesday at the Kidderminster Railway Museum.

This year the Group and its members will be focusing on proposed cuts to services at stations.

SLUG chairman, Rob Hebron, emphasised the need to "challenge the deterioration".

Robbery pair are hunted by police

WEST Mercia Police have appealed for witnesses after a man in his late teens was robbed of his mobile phone in Kidderminster.

The attack happened at about 11.30pm on Monday, May 2, as the victim was driving his blue Vauxhall Corsa along Coventry Street and another car started flashing its lights and pulled up in front of him

A man got out and started shouting abuse , so the teenager drove off.

The offenders followed him to Leswell Lane. As he stopped, two men got out of the other car, a small hatchback, and one of them threatened him again.

Tanned

The other man started to pull the stereo out of the car before deciding they had the wrong person, and drove off.

The victim, who police said was left very shaken by his ordeal, later noticed that his phone, which had been on the passenger seat, was missing.

One attacker was bald and wore a white T-shirt. The other was tall, tanned, with brown hair and was wearing a blue Umbro tracksuit top.

Trek to Andes

HAGLEY Wives and Women's Fellowship has invited Ray Sturdy to talk about his trek to the lost city of Machu Picchu, in Peru, at 8pm on May 24 in St Saviour's church hall.

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Bewdley salad contestants Mark Flello, Matt Knott, Emma Passey, Zac Birchley, competition judge Mark Garnier MP and (front) Tony Thompson



Emma Passey with her trophy and the winning salad using local ingredients

Town has fun in spring sunshine

VISITORS flocked to Wyre Forest to enjoy the Discover Bewdley Weekend.

Jubilee Gardens hosted events including the Kaleidoscope Theatre Company and the Bewdley Concert Band.

In the museum, visitors could learn about rare breed pigs like the Black & Tan Oxfords from John Iles, of Uncllys Farm.

Willow weaving was demonstrated by the museum team and, in the studios, an art exhibition featured work produced from a trip to Brittany, France, by Bewdley Artists.

The Tickety-Boo Theatre Company performed a courtroom melodrama.

On Severnside South, the highlight of the weekend was the chefs' salad challenge.

Four local chefs, with a nod to BBC TV's Masterchef, had two minutes to select their ingredients, which were provided by the Bewdley Farm Shop with dressings and condiments from the Deli @Bewdley.

They then had just quarter of an hour to create their Bewdley Salad.

Each chef was allowed to bring a signature ingredient and two specialist condiments for their dressing.

Delighted

On a sunny afternoon the four chefs – Mark Flello, from Victorian café Grannystap, Zac Birchley, from the Angry Chef at the Mug House, Emma Passey, from the Hop Pole, and Matt Knott, from the Bailiffs House, worked fast and furiously to create the perfect salad.

The MC for the event was local writer and film maker Neville Farmer and he introduced Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier, who not only timed the event but judged the winning salad.

After much tasting and cogitating, Mr Garnier announced that Emma Passey had produced the winning Bewdley Salad 2011.

Emma's signature ingredient was a locally-sourced chicken and pork terrine, a reduced apple juice dressing using Son & Styles juice pressed from Wyre Forest apples. Edible chive flowers grown in the garden at the Hop Pole were another important ingredient.

The delighted winner said that her salad would be added to the menu at the Hop Pole.



Robert Darbyshire, 7, and Patrick Joyner, 11, take their punishment in the stocks



Bewdley Concert Band played for hours on a sunny afternoon to entertain the crowds at the Discover Bewdley 2011 weekend



Natalie and Lucy Hatfield, aged seven and five, ready to give Harvey the Black & Tan Oxford pig a brush-up

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Lloyd Webber headlines at village's music festival

A VILLAGE near Kidderminster will be alive with the sound of music this weekend – with headline acts including cellist Julian Lloyd Webber.

Renowned classical guitarist Craig Ogden is also booked to appear at sixth bi-annual Hagley Music Festival.

The highlight will be Lloyd Webber playing Haydn's Cello Concerto in C Major, accompanied by The Orchestra of the Swan.

Setting

The programme, also featuring Mozart's Symphony No 29, will be staged on May 14 in the grand setting of St John's Church, next to Hagley Hall. Tickets are sold out.

In Hagley Hall tomorrow (Friday) Australian-born Ogden will give a solo performance, with pieces from his Classic FM CD The Guitarist.

Malcolm Roberts, an organiser, said: "It's set to be a huge success and, although tickets are sold out for Lloyd Webber and Ogden, some still remain for the rest."



Cellist Julian Lloyd Webber

Tickets are available at Mercian Travel, 109 Worcester Road, Hagley, telephone 01562 884216.

Volunteer team of 31 launched for emergency

A NEW team of 31 specially-trained volunteers is ready to help Wyre Forest people in the event of an emergency.

Worcestershire Crisis Support Team (WCST) was launched by the Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire, Michael Brinton, last week.

Their role will be to provide practical and psychological help to people affected by any large major incident, for example a flood or train crash.

Commitment

WCST is a partnership between the public, private and voluntary sectors, pulling together a broad range of skills, and providing a comprehensive, consistent, and validated standard of training to develop Crisis Support Officers.

Mr Brinton said: "I'm very proud to represent such dedicated and compassionate individuals."



An artist's impression of Kidderminster's Slingfield Mill submitted to planning officers by Premier Inns

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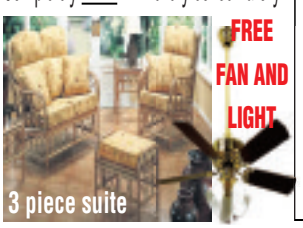
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Jobs hope in Premier Inns' plan

HOTEL jobs for up to 25 people are set to be created when Premier Inns opens up a branch in a Grade II-listed canalside building in Kidderminster.

The £2.6 million, 55-bedroom hotel is planned for the old Slingfield Mill at the town's Weavers Wharf.

It will share the five-storey building with a Debenhams store, which opened in 2009 and occupies the ground and first floors.

Premier Inn hopes to start work in the autumn if planning permission is given by Wyre Forest Council.

The hotel will offer limited food services for guests, including breakfast. It is hoped visitors will use restaurants, bars and businesses in the town centre during their stay to help boost the town's economy.

A hotel has always been planned for the site, as it formed part of the original development scheme in 2008, but no hotel company has come forward until now.

Tailor

The firm is asking the council to tailor the original plans to suit Premier Inn, and proposals for a retail kiosk and a bar are to be dropped.

Head of acquisitions for UK and Ireland, John Bates said: "A new Premier Inn for Weavers Wharf would be a great result for us. This is a great location and we are delighted to be investing.

"This is good news in these tough economic times and, subject to a successful planning consent, we hope to start work this year."

Stripe me, it's hot



White tiger Khan cools off in a pool at the West Midland Safari Park, near Bewdley

ANIMALS at West Midland Safari Park have been keeping cool in the warm weather by enjoying a swim and tucking into specially made ice lollies.

Keepers at the tourist attraction near Bewdley say many of the species at the park are comfortable in higher temperatures and have been basking in the sunshine.

Two of the white tigers, Khan and Charu, have been making a splash by taking regular dips in their enclosure's pool, where they have a ball to play with.

Giraffes and elephants have been tucking into special ice lollies, made up of pieces of fruit frozen in water.

Staff say the warm weather also attracted many visitors over the two holiday weekends.

In the field of human conflict...

WARTIME is brought to life at a living history weekend on an airfield near Kinver.

Halfpenny Green Airport hosts a nostalgic event on May 21-22 in aid of Help For Heroes.

Re-enactors aim to recall the Second World War years and there will be speeches by a Winston Churchill lookalike and a Battle of Britain and Lancaster flypast.

Admission costs £4, and is free for veterans, OAPs and under 10s.

Details from www.northernforties.org.uk.

Garden small but perfectly formed

A SMALL but developing garden in Bewdley opens to the public under the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday, May 15. Toll House Cottage, in Stourport Road, throws open its gates from 11 am until 5pm.

The garden was started in 2008 as an informal collection of herbaceous and shrubs around a lawn with mini arboretum and grass walks, vegetable patch and natural pond with beach for wildlife.

Admission is £3 and details are on www.ngs.org.uk.

Hall wine tasting

HARVINGTON Hall, an Elizabethan manor house between Droitwich and Stourport, hosts a wine tasting and buffet event on June 17. Call 01562 777846 for information.

Gang strips lead from roof of register office

POLICE are appealing for information after lead was stolen from the roof of Kidderminster Register Office, causing the rain to leak in and cause thousands of pounds worth of damage.

Around £6,000 worth of lead was stolen from the office, in Bewdley Road, sometime between Friday 1st April and Saturday 7th May.

Staff discovered the interior of the building's main ceremony room had been damaged by the rain when they turned up to conduct a midday wedding in the room first thing on Saturday.

The wedding went ahead as scheduled but only after staff enlisted the help of family and friends to provide last minute repairs to the ceremony room. This included the drying out of the room's carpet which had been drenched by rain water which had leaked through the roof.

The internal damage is estimated at around £4,000. Repairs are now well underway and staff have stressed that it is business as usual and that future ceremonies will go ahead as planned.

Ceremonies

Sharon Duggan, Worcestershire County Council's Registration and Coroner's Service Manager, said: "We are pleased that the wedding on Saturday went ahead as planned, but that was only due to the efforts of our staff in enlisting help at such short notice.

<None>The roof is now being repaired and we can reassure people that there is no disruption to other ceremonies we have planned."

In separate incidents in Kidderminster, 60ft of lead flashing was stolen from the roof of Unique Fitness in Mill Street between Saturday evening and Sunday morning, 7th-8th May.

Two youths were arrested on suspicion of theft of lead from the Crown, a disused pub in Chester Road South, on Friday evening, 6th May, and have been released on police bail until 9th June. Two metres of lead flashing was recovered.

Two men were arrested in connection with the theft of £1,000 worth of lead from Morrisons in Green Street. One has been charged and is due before magistrates on May 19 and the other was released without charge.



Winner Anna and her goody bag

Anna takes the biscuit for Fairtrade

A RECORD number of Kidderminster schoolchildren took part in this year's Fairtrade Fortnight.

A total of 588 youngsters from 16 primary schools entered competitions designed to highlight the scheme which enables farmers and supplies in the developing world to earn a fair income to support themselves and their communities.

The numbers were up by more than 100 on last year.

Presenter Comberton Primary School pupil Anna Rawlings, aged four, won the colouring competition for reception children and was presented with a good bag of Fairtrade chocolate.

Older children had to complete a wordsearch and come up with a tiebreaker explaining who Fairtrade helps.

Kidderminster Fairtrade Group's patron, BBC Midlands Today presenter Michael Collie judged the entries and cash prizes and goody bags were given to 10 winners in different age groups.



A music venture for ex-weatherman Dave Smith

Dave tunes in for fame as music mogul

A BUDDING music mogul from Kidderminster is gearing up for his record label's debut release – which will be stocked in hundreds of shops across the UK.

Dave Smith set up Ravenheart for female-fronted acts after being made redundant from his job as a weatherman.

Now he is hoping to conquer the music world with the latest album by a Maltese metal band.

Ravenheart Music has 16 bands on its books and Dave, who works from his Comberton Road home, is emailed by each week by more than 100 acts wanting his help.

Prejudice

Theatre of Life, the third album by seven-piece Weeping Silence, is the first Ravenheart release.Out on May 23, it will be stocked by at least 200 independent shops in the UK, including ST Records in Wolverhampton Street, Dudley.

A first batch of 2,000 CDs are being pressed – but more will be available if demand is high.

Copies will also be distributed via the label's website,which has chalked up 100,000 hits over the last few months.

Mr Smith is also in talks with distributors in America and Japan – who are willing to sign up if the album is a success in the UK.

He said: "This is a really exciting time. They say the music business moves quickly but even I've been surprised at how well things are going.

"This is my full-time job now, I'm a self-employed music label boss."

The 56-year-old worked as a meteorologist for WSI in Birmingham for 20 years before being laid off in July last year.

He started managing bands two years ago as he felt there was prejudice against women in rock and heavy metal groups.

He gets involved in the sleeve design, promotion and touring schedule of his label's acts.

"I've always thought that rock music is too male-orientated so I decided to do something about it," he said.

"I have had an interest in music from a young age and used to drive my parents barmy listening to Ozzy Osbourne's band Black Sabbath."

His next project is Dutch group Only Fate Remains, who will release their new record in August.

Tenant is fined on state of home

A KIDDERMINSTER man was fined £2,500 and ordered to pay £1,030 in costs as he had failed to maintain a rental property to a reasonable standard.

David Young ,of Hawford Avenue pleaded guilty to the offence under the Housing Act 2004 at Kidderminster Magistrates Court on 28th April 2011.

Council officers served an Improvement Notice on Mr Young in March 2010 following health and safety complaints from tenants.

In July 2010 an inspection revealed that only a small number of issues had been resolved and that there were still significant problems with the property that could affect the health of the occupants.

Discuss

Further time was allowed but no significant progress was made so Mr Young was prosecuted as a last resort to ensure remedial work would be done.

In February 2011, the magistrates accepted his guilty plea and allowed a further time before sentencing to see whether he would complete the work.

On April 28, 2011, before Kidderminster magistrates, Young admitted there were still outstanding works and this was taken into account when sentencing.

He has since been in contact with the council to discuss the remaining works.

Councillor Anne Hingley, cabinet member for legal and corporate services, said: "Any tenants having problems with their property should try to resolve matters with the landlord before approaching the council.

"We work with landlords where possible."

Protesters' spring fair

HARTLEBURY is hosting a spring craft fair to raise funds for the fight against the incinerator.

There will be more than 20 arts and crafts stalls at the event, on Saturday May 21, between 2pm and 5pm, at Hartlebury C of E Primary School, on Rectory Lane.

All money raised will go towards supporting the Wail protest group which is battling to halt the incinerator scheme.

Final chance to submit opinions

WYRE Forest people can have their say on services provided by their district and county councils, the NHS and fire service in a poll.

Anyone who wants to take part in the survey during May can join up to the Worcestershire Viewpoint panel.

Results from the survey, which covers topics ranging from budget priorities to community safety, will help in decision-making.

Worcestershire cabinet member for performance, Councillor Simon Geraghty, said: "Panel members are guaranteed a chance to have a say about major changes to services, which is even more important in the light of public sector budget reductions."

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If you can't wait until then and you've got a few quid in your pocket then go see them yourself, they're near Boots in Blackmore Street, Kidderminster. A bacon sandwich would go down a treat right now.

Banter

Now school is well and truly back I'd like to point people in the direction of these marvellous charity groups for parents and children.

Stay and Play is a before and after school facility, open from 7.30am, situated on the edge of the playing field at St Anne's C of E Primary School, Wyre Hill, Bewdley. They cater for the needs of children from pre-school age to 16 and they're open 51 weeks of the year, except bank holidays. For further information, call 01299 400116.

Children's charity Mentor Link has a charity shop at 24-25 High Street, Stourport.

They are seeking donations of furniture, small electrical items in working order as well as clothes, bric a brac and children's toys/equipment.

They are open Monday to Saturday, so contact the shop manager, Katrina, for further details on 01299 823537.

As always, you are more than welcome to join me on the Breakfast Show – we'll get the special crockery out and everything. I'm live every weekday morning from 6 o'clock with all the latest on the roads and lots of north Worcestershire-based banter.

Plus, we're giving away food, flowers and loads more every day – so at the very least you could get something to eat or something to put in a vase. Nice.

If you need to contact 107.2 The Wyre or have a community announcement, email info@thewyre.com

TOP TEN PLAYLIST OF WEEK



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The Pierces

The Golden Age
The Asteroids Galaxy Tour

Mother
Blondie

Skinny Love
Birdy

Put Your Hands Up
Nerina Pallot

WEATHER UPDATE

FOLLOWING an April with none of the traditional showers, they have arrived at last and are set to continue at various times over the coming weekend. April-style temperatures are also likely to prevail, with a distinctly un-summery 13C (55F) a possible maximum tomorrow and on Saturday.



DANI WOZENCROFT FROM WYRE NEWS WITH THE LATEST ROADWORKS

Bringing travel updates to keep you moving . . .

Kidderminster

A449 Chester Road South, lane closed from Spennells island northbound and Comberton Road on May 12.

Lisle Avenue, temporary traffic lights until May 13.

Hoo Road, temporary traffic lights at No.55 on May 15.

Bewdley

A456 Long Bank, 10mph limit between Bewdley Bypass and Lye Head Road for one week sometime before May 30.

Stourport

A451 Bridge Street, temporary traffic lights at No.12 until May 12.

A451 Minster Road, temporary traffic lights at Windermere Way junction on May 14-15.

Rock

A4117 Cleobury Road, closed between Tenbury Road and Shropshire boundary until May 16.

Blakedown

A456 Birmingham Road, temporary traffic lights at Harborough Hall until May 14.

Far Forest

Sugars Lane, temporary traffic lights at Ravenhurst on May 12.

Woodcote Green

A448 Kidderminster Road, night-time temporary traffic lights at Outwood Farm on May 12-13.

Bliss Gate

Heightington Road, temporary traffic lights at White Risings until May 12.

Chaddesley Corbett

Drayton Road, temporary traffic light until May 13.

Brush up on skills, painters are urged

ARTISTS will be able to pick up new skills at two workshops at the Worcestershire County Museum at Hartlebury Castle.

The first, called Introduction to Watercolour, will be held on May 21 when artists will be shown how to capture images of the castle grounds using various tools and techniques to build up layers of paint.

The workshop will be led by artist Mark Massey, who will also give tips on how to build up a sketchbook and compositions.

Textile

The second event, on June 25, will look at the traditional art of rag-rugging with textile artist Tracey Ayre-Massey.

She will show how rugs can be made using only recycled fabrics and hessian.

Both courses will run from 10am until 4pm and are priced at £55, which includes materials, tuition and lunch.

Places must be pre-booked on 01299 250416.

Hallelujah for Elijah

Clent Hills Singers will be joining other voices from across the West Midlands to sing Mendelssohn's Elijah in Birmingham Town Hall on June 26.

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Old Swinford Hospital, Stourbridge, founded by Thomas Foley in 1667



The magnificent ballroom at Witley Court in 1920, destroyed by fire in 1937

Foley family's wealth was forged from iron furnaces

FOR as long or as long s he can remember, Roy Peacock has walked over a slab of stone with Richard Foley's name on it. In fact, anyone who has been to St Mary's Church in Old Swinford, Stourbridge, will have stepped on the memorial stone.

It commemorates a man who turned around the fortunes of his family. Roy, aged 75, decided to put together a talk on the Foley family as a tribute to the part they played in putting the Black Country on the map.

Once he started investigating the family he discovered that while there was a lot of material on their iron business, there was hardly anything about the people themselves. After more than three years of research Roy has put together a book called The Seventeenth Century Foleys – Iron, Wealth and Vision 1580-1716.



Thomas Foley in 1660, pointing to his will which he insisted on being written into the painting

Richard Foley was born in 1580 into a family of nailers in High Street, Dudley, and he was an ambitious man.

"Richard started leasing out furnaces and forges and, for the first time, developed the slitting mill and made it a success," says Roy, who was a history teacher at King Edward's School, Stourbridge.

Development

"Until then workers had to chisel out a strip of metal and so the slitting mill was a great development – and the first one was at Kinver on the River Stour. He made a lot of money."

Richard lived in High Street, Stourbridge in what is now the Talbot Hotel

"Richard had 13 children and they all did well with the boys going into the iron industry and the daughters marrying well," says Roy, a member of the Black Country Society since 1968.



Bewdley in the 1800s, left, when the Foleys became landed gentry

Richard's eldest son, also named Richard, went to live at Netherton Hall.

The second Richard went to Birmingham to buy and sell iron to help boost the family business.

"Richard's second son, Edward, became a captain in the Civil War, but it was probably the third son, Thomas, who became the most important."

Thomas Foley took over the furnaces and forges from his father, developing the business down the Stour to the Severn and on to Bristol.

Business was flourishing and Thomas moved to near Stourport, where he removed a village to create Witley Court stately home.

Witley Court is now owned by the National Trust and is just a shell after suffering from a fire in 1937

"Thomas went on to become the Lord of Kidderminster and headed south to become the London agent for the business," says Roy.

"In 1667, Thomas Foley built a school in Stourbridge – Old Swinford Hospital – and it is the first item mentioned in his will.

"In 1679, Paul Foley became Speaker of the House of Commons."

By the time the fifth and sixth generation of the Foleys came along the iron industry was going into decline, so they became landed nobility.

Valuable

Adrian, the 87-year-old eighth Baron Foley of Kidderminster, composed music for the films Piccadilly Incident and Bond Street in the 1940s.

The peer owns valuable property in Belgravia, London, and now lives in retirement in Spain with his third wife.

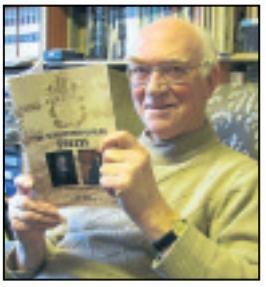
Roy says: "Twelve Foleys are buried at St Mary's Church in a vault under the memorial stone of Richard Foley."



The Perseus and Andromeda fountain at Witley Court stately home



Speaker Paul Foley, 1690



Stourbridge author Roy Peacock

Make a difference... foster a local child



Worcestershire County Council celebrates Foster Care Fortnight 2011 May 16th - 29th By inviting you to events in Worcestershire

Come along to one of the Drop-In events:

Saturday 21st May	Redditch Library	10.00 – 12.30pm
Monday 23rd May	Number 8 Community Arts Centre, Pershore	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Tuesday 24th May	Perdiswell Young Persons' Leisure Club, Worcester	6.30pm – 8.30pm
Wednesday 25th May	Kidderminster Library	5.00pm – 7.00pm

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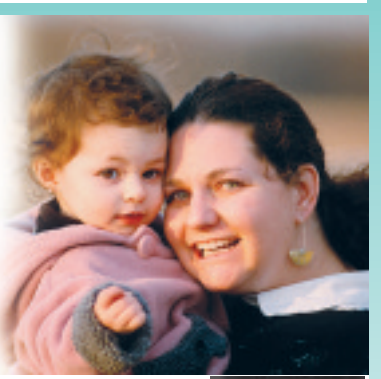
As part of Foster Care Fortnight (16 – 29 May), Worcestershire County Council's Fostering Service will be hosting a number of drop-in sessions across the county during the campaign fortnight.

'Fostering is one of the most challenging and rewarding jobs you can do. Foster carers have a unique opportunity to make a real difference to a child's life, supporting them and working to help them develop and achieve their potential.

We are always looking for new foster carers and actively encourage people from across Worcestershire to come along to one of the four drop-ins taking place during this year's Foster Care Fortnight campaign. Experienced foster carers and fostering staff will be available at these events to talk to you about what fostering is really like.

If you think you might have the time, patience and empathy required to foster, then don't miss out and pop along to one of the sessions'

Julie Elliott Service Manager - Integrated Provider Services, Children's Services



Could you foster?

Listening skills
Do you hear and understand what children and adults are saying to you? Can you persevere even when you don't seem to be getting immediate results?

Energetic
Are you full of energy and able to keep up with children at their pace?

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Are you able to look on the bright side when times get tough?

Stability
Could you provide a welcoming home where children can feel safe and secure?

Team player
Can you share responsibility and work with others, asking forhelp when you need it?

Observational skills
Can you see what's really going on beneath the surface and notice behaviours?

Communication skills
Do you get on well with children? Can you speak on behalf of others in group discussions?

Sense of humour
Can you see the funny side of life and lift others' spirits?

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Three ways to promote your business!



By Judi Brazkiewicz, Chairman for FSB Worcestershire

In these days of shrinking budgets, increasing advertising costs and competition from all quarters small businesses need to be even more savvy when it comes to promoting their goods and services.

I think you will agree that one of the great things in running a small business is that we, as owner managers, can react very quickly to changing conditions and new opportunities. We don't need months to put a strategy together, and even more time to put it into operation. When we see an opportunity which will benefit our business we are nimble enough to seize the moment and make the most of it!

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) works on a wide variety of events, campaigns and initiatives to support local businesses, and, we have never been as busy as we are at the moment!

I am delighted to report that our local business events **'Strictly Networking'** attract dozens of local business owners from across the county. If you haven't managed to make it to one of these very local and practical meetings yet then maybe you should think about coming along.

The next meetings will be held on:

Tuesday 17th May, Greenlands Business Centre, Studley Road, Redditch B98 7HD

Thursday 2nd June, Basepoint Business Centre, Crab Apple Way, Evesham WR11 1GP

Thursday 9th June, Rabjohns, College Green, Worcester WR1 2LB

Wednesday 29th June, Mount Pleasant Hotel, Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern WR14 4PT

'Strictly Networking' starts at 5.30pm, closes at 7pm, is free to attend and open to everyone - you do not need to be an FSB member, nor do you need to book - just turn up with your business cards and start promoting your own business - simple!

The FSB is also very pleased to be principal sponsor, for the third year, of the Rural Business Support Pavilion at the Three Counties Show, June 17th - 19th. The Pavilion provides an impressive base for a range of organisations that help businesses to grow.

A vital part of the Pavilion is the annual **Bear Pit competition**, with **£1000 prize money on offer to the winner.** If your business is less than two years old and you are located in either Herefordshire, Worcestershire or Gloucestershire, you meet the criteria to enter. The competition, sponsored by Parkinson Wright Solicitors, is free to enter - contact Cathy Meredith, at the Rural Hub, on 01432 870 033 for an application form.

And finally - an exclusive offer to FSB Members....

If you are an FSB Member we want to help you get your name into one of the largest advertising opportunities in the West Midlands!

Email your business card image to the FSB and we will arrange for it to be played as part of a rolling slideshow throughout the three days within the Rural Business Support Pavilion. Jpeg or Powerpoint slides are required, just email it, as an attachment, to the Herefordshire FSB Chairman, Richard Asghar-Sandys, at **richardas@coachlogistics.com**

For more information about the FSB and its business benefits visit **www.fsb.org.uk/info** and for local news, business support and trading opportunities visit **www.fsb.org.uk/092** or phone the local office on 01386 750032.

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Chilly reminder of harsh May day

THERE hasn't always been plenty of sunshine in May – as these pictures by retired photographer Graham Gough show.

The night of May 1, 1979, was the coldest the month had seen for 90 years and brought with it a surprise snowfall.

Mr Gough, aged 71, snapped a picture in Sheepwalks Lane, a mile from the Worcestershire-Staffordshire boundary near Kinver, the following day.

The winter scene contrasts to the same view on the same day 32 years later, which shows green trees and shrubs thriving in the sunshine.

Amazing

In May 1979, the trees were still without their leaves because of a freezing winter, which had been the coldest on record for 100 years.

The year was also known as the Winter of Discontent due to widespread strikes by trade unions, which ultimately led to the downfall of James Callaghan's Labour government in the May 3 election.

"It was amazing at the time," said Mr Gough, of Holly Close, Kinver.

"The snow fell across the country. May 1 had been the coldest May night recorded for 90 years.

"The snow had pretty much gone by late afternoon."





What a difference 32 years makes, as photographer Graham Gough found in Sheepwalks Lane

Council bills refund scam

WEST Mercia Police have urged people never to give out bank details after a Wyre Forest man received a hoax call about his council tax.

The caller suggested that as the householder, a Stourport resident, had paid his Wyre Forest Council tax on time for the last five years, the amount would be refunded in full to his bank account.

The caller then asked for bank details, but the man was suspicious and terminated the call.

There are many different scams that offenders will use to try and get people to part with either money or their bank account details, according to police.

They may get in touch by letter, email, text or – as in this case – telephone.

Many of the scams are extremely convincing, officers say.

Unsolicited

Similar scams have been reported across the United Kingdom, and Action Fraud is reminding residents to be vigilant.

West Mercia Police advice to the public is always to ignore unsolicited communications and never to disclose bank details or any other personal information.

The Action Fraud website, www.actionfraud.org.uk, is run by the National Fraud Authority, a Government agency, and has more information and advice online.

Pair face charges of child neglect

TWO people who were arrested after police received a report of an attempted robbery in Stourport have appeared in court charged with child neglect.

The pair were arrested following an incident in Hanstone Road, Walshes estate, last Thursday night.

The couple, both of the same address in Stourport, appeared before Kidderminster magistrates last Saturday charged with child neglect under the Children and Young Persons Act.

Conditional

The man, aged 22, was also accused of with attempting to rob a woman in Stourport of a purse and mobile phone on Thursday, May 5, and assaulting a police officer in the execution of her duty the following day, May 6.

He was remanded in custody to reappear before Kidderminster magistrates on Tuesday, May 10, on the child neglect and assault charges, and to appear before Worcester Crown Court today (Thursday) in relation to the attempted robbery charge.

The woman, aged 20, was granted conditional bail to appear again before Kidderminster magistrates on May 10 on the child neglect charge.

Appeal after street assault

POLICE have appealed for witnesses of a disturbance outside the Hope and Anchor pub in New Street, Stourport.

An assault took place between 12.30am and 12.45am on Monday, May 2, which left a 38-year-old man with head and facial injuries. He was treated at Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

Pc Lisa Hornberger said: "We are eager to hear from anyone who was in the area and remembers seeing the assault."

Two men and a woman were arrested in connection with the incident and have been released on police bail until , June 13 pending further enquiries.

Self-facing Ann takes prize



Ann McIntyre with her trophy-winning self-portrait

KIDDERMINSTER Art Society held its annual spring trophy competition at Trimpley village hall.

More than 30 members entered artwork, and then voted Ann McIntyre, with a self-portrait, as this year's winner of the Robin Jennings Trophy.

The standard of entries was very high, making the choice of the 2011 winner very difficult, said a spokesman for the society.

Second was Shirley Bonas, with Susan Shaw and Rod Edwards joint third.

The winning entries and other works by members can be seen at the society's spring exhibition at Stourport Library Gallery until Saturday, May 28.

Teens see horrors of German death camp

WYRE Forest post-16 students visited the notorious Nazi extermination camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau. Mark Garnier, MP for Wyre Forest, joined more than 200 post-16 students from around Worcestershire on the educational trip to formerly German-occupied Poland last Wednesday, May 4.

Organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust, the project was designed to explore the universal lessons of the Holocaust and its relevance for today.

The teenagers from Holy Trinity School, Kidderminster College, King Charles I School and Stourport School also had the chance to pay their respects to the millions of people those who lost their lives in the camp during the Second World War.

Witness

Mr Garnier said: "I cannot overestimate the importance of visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau and recognising the full extent of the industrialised nature of the Holocaust.

"These events may have taken place more than 60 years ago, but as our society bears witness; we need to continue to teach the lessons of the Nazi Holocaust to the younger generations in order to combat bigotry and hatred today."

Visitors to focus on age of steam

HUNDREDS of photographs taken during the golden age of steam travel are to go on display, and on sale, at Kidderminster Railway Museum.

The museum in Station Approach, Comberton Hill, hosts the photograph fair on Saturday, July 9.

Staff will open up the museum's own archive for visitors to see more than 160,000 images from 10am until 4.30pm.

Bluebells a treat for farm visitors

A COFFEE morning and bluebell walk is to take place in Hartlebury in aid of research into diabetes. Chilbrook Farm House, Parsons Lane, hosts the event on May 28, from 10.30am until 2.30pm. Guests can see the bluebells, coppice pools and cave before browsing bring and buy stalls. Admission costs £1 and cash raised goes to Diabetes UK. For details, call 01299 250850.

Sunshine contract for £1.4m

A RENEWABLE energy installer is making "green" history after starting work on the UK's largest rooftop solar power project.

Going Solar, based at Neen Sollars, near Rock, has begun fitting the first of 2,200 photovoltaic panels onto warehouse roofs in Ipswich.

The £1.2 million contract followed a rigorous competitive tender process, said director Charles Houston.

Swimming

"The team is delighted to be playing its role in this vast, ground-breaking project," he said.

Up to 440,000 kW hours a year will be generated, which will provide free power to the warehouse and also feed enough power to the grid to supply more than 100 homes.

Going Solar has also completed one of the UK's largest solar thermal panel installations at Abberley Hall School, near Stourport, where 48 flat collectors heat the swimming pool and water for showers.

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Olly proves he's his own man



Olly Murs – the real winner of X Factor 2009

JOE McElderry may have won The X Factor in 2009 but Olly Murs was the real winner.

The Essex lad used the TV singing show to kick start a career that has seen him notch up two hit singles, Please Don't Let Me Go and Thinking Of Me, and a successful self-titled debut album that was only kept off the no1 spot by Take That.

Meanwhile, last month McElderry was dropped by Simon Cowell's record label Syco.

Murs – his family name is Latvian – was dismissed by some as a Will Young or Robbie Williams clone.

But the boy from Braintree has carved a niche with a pop-reggae groove perfect for the recent sunny weather.

Former semi-pro footballer Olly, who also recently raised his profile partnering Chris Moyles on his Radio 1 breakfast show, is in concert at Birmingham's NIA on Sunday.

Olly will be back in the region later this summer to place an outdoor concert with pop diva and The X Factor winner Alexandra Burke at Warwick Castle on July 15.

Magic in the music of Ireland



Foster and Allen have 18 gold albums to their names since 1975

MENTION an Irish musical duo and the chances are the first names that spring to mind will be Foster and Allen.

Over the decades, they made a name for themselves as Ireland's premier easy listening and country music duo. Now, supported by a talented line-up of musicians, they bring their magical blend of Irish music to the Palace Theatre, Redditch, tomorrow (Friday) at 7.30pm.

Coming from musical families, the pair shared a love of music from an early age. As a boy, Tony Allen's family encouraged him to take up an instrument and by 1968 he had turned professional, playing guitar and singing on a national level with many well-known Irish bands. Meanwhile, Mick Foster began playing the piano accordion at age 13 and just four years later won the first of three All Ireland Accordion Championships.

Upon meeting they had the idea of playing "easy listening" music with traditional Irish instruments, and in 1975 the duo formed and recorded their first hit single,The Rambles of Spring,.

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Enjoy salad days, but it's vital to plan ahead

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Go back to the days when more people grew their own and didn't rely on pre-packaged salads at the supermarket. But to get a regular crop you have to plan ahead.

Even if space is limited you can still grow your own, on a patio or balcony or with gro-bags. Tomatoes, lettuces and potatoes grow just as well in a city setting as a country garden with the proper care.

Follow this monthly guide and you should have a constant supply of fresh fruit and veg.

MAY
- Plant out young plants raised indoors or in the greenhouse.
- Continue with the two-week planting programme.
- Feed tomato plants with Tomorite.
- Ensure all areas are well watered.
- Plant vegetables such as winter cabbage for winter harvesting.

JUNE
- Control weeds by hoeing and using a relevant weed killer if necessary.
- Stake and support larger plants such as tomatoes, peppers and beans.
- Feed plants regularly with Miracle-Gro Grow Your Own Plant Food or Liquid Plant Food.
- Protect plants from slug and snail damage.
- Break up any compacted soil to allow water and air to penetrate to the plant roots.

JULY
- Continue to plant out beetroot, carrots, peas, lettuce and radishes for late crops.
- Continue to feed all plants.
- Many vegetables and salad plants will be ready to start harvesting and eating at this time.
- Pay particular attention to watering as your plants increase in size.

AUGUST
- Control weeds by hoeing or using a suitable weed killer.
- Keep a close watch for pests and insects, particularly on the underside of leaves.
- This is the time to enjoy all of your work as most plants can be harvested this month.
- Once plants are harvested and the ground is empty, refresh the ground by digging in Levington Farmyard Manure or Miracle-Gro Grow Your own compost.

SEPTEMBER
- Continue to harvest the last of your beans and peas.
- Maincrop potatoes can stay in the ground to bulk or can be harvested now. Make sure that you harvest all potatoes by the end of this month and keep a careful eye to avoid pests.
- Be sure to harvest any remaining crops by the first frosts.
- Dig in well rotted manure or Levington Farmyard Manure to improve soil structure.


Plant well and you could have an endless supply of healthy salad ingredients

Urban gardeners don't have to miss out as there are gro-bags and planters but the key is to use quality compost that's been specifically designed to grow fruit and vegetables.

Most vegetables are sun lovers and require plenty of light and warmth to produce the best crops. If the plot is open and exposed to cold winds, some form of windbreak may be required – a fence, wall or dwarf hedge would be adequate.

A south facing patio is the ideal spot for growing many vegetables in gro-sacs and planters. It is advisable to move the crops. By

3D dazzles at show

THE Gadget Show Live last month proved a phenomenal success and further established the show at the NEC as the UK's leading consumer technology event.

The show attracted a record attendance figure of 104,759 with around 20,000 consumers visiting each day the show was open to the public.

Based on the popular Five television programme, The Gadget Show Live, the event had over 200 exhibitors showcasing thousands of products.

Visitors trialled exciting gadgetry and had the chance to interact with the latest in 3D, gaming, tech transport and the latest tablets to rival – or under cut in price – the highly desirable iPad.

Those attending the show also experienced technology of the future in the Future Tech Zone, with everything from eye and mind control gaming through to augmented reality and truly wireless technology for the home on display.

More than 67,500 people attended the Super Theatre, which accommodated just under 4,500 visitors three times daily. Presenters from the TV show, Jason Bradbury, Wolverhampton's Suzi Perry, Jon Bentley, Ortis Deley and Pollyanna Woodward gave a high-energy performance. The latest in wearable technology from CuteCircuit was also showcased with a specially designed electronic dress made exclusively for Pollyanna.

Several World Records were smashed at this year's show, including the world's lightest touch-screen mobile phone, awarded to sWaP and the largest mobile phone gaming party organised by Kick Energy in the Game Zone.

The Gadget Show Live also hosted the first UK viewing of several eagerly anticipated games including DiRT3 from Codemasters (released May 24), the new Duke Nukem game from 2K games and EA's Need for Speed: Shift 2 Unleashed.

The first up-to-28mph street legal e-bicycle, the Grace E Bike was also launched in the UK at the show, Personal Projector showed their new pico range and Wacom had an exclusive preview of their new Stylus Bamboo range for the iPad.

University

The University of Wolverhampton was represented at the show for the second year and were a part of the exciting new possibilities in 3D technology, which were a major element of the show.

Visitors to the university's stand were able to wear 'stereo shutter glasses' and test their skills at forklift truck driving in a 3d virtual reality environment. Academics and students on architecture and design courses have developed stereoscopic 3D virtual environments so buildings can be explored before they are even built.

Two interactive robots developed by lecturers for budding computer engineers to learn theory hands-on and a console-controlled airship designed by final year student Ed Wilson were also on show.

Tablets, apps and 3D were the hottest topics across the show. There was a lot of interest in the budget but good looking tablet computers from View Quest and Elonex, which aim to make tablets affordable enough for one per family member rather than one tablet per household.

Gadgets guru Tom Dunmore previewed some of the amazing applications (apps) coming our way and predicted the triumph of the Android market across several tech platforms. It is currently mostly used by mobile phone users and gives access to 30,000 apps, from maps to barcode readers to games. He previewed an instant translation app which you can hold in front of foreign writing, near field communication to find items in shops and virtual money that will make phones/tablets more like a wallet, and just as essential when leaving the home.

3D was everywhere, from Nintendo 3D's no glasses required gaming, to impressive high end 3D TVs and laptops from suchas Sony and Panasonic.

Among the quirkier items were California's NeuroSky with their Mindwave headset which allows the user to interact with a programme using their minds, pioneering the ultimate form of hands-free gaming. The wider future of this most sci-fi type of tech, based on brainwave reading medical equipment, is mind-boggling with such projects as mind-controlled wheelchairs being developed.

And for those who hate housework, iRobot's range of vacuum-cleaning bots, which sense the environment around them and can do the vacuuming whilst you are out, were a welcome innovation.

Leon Burakowski


Crowds of gadget lovers tried out the latest tech




The Slate 2 from View Quest. Slate 3 their first sub £200 'Android Honeycomb' tablet, is due out later this summer

The season of song and dance



Tracie Benett as Judy Garland

WORLD class ballet, opera and award-winning West End musicals have been announced in the new season at Birmingham Hippodrome.

The Queen and Ben Elton musical We Will Rock You returns to the Hurst Street theatre this summer.

Other highlights also include the return of Birmingham Royal Ballet's festive favourite The Nutcracker, hit comedy show Calendar Girls and, also by popular demand, the spectacular Slava's Snow Show.

Following its success at the Hippodrome in 2009, West End blockbuster We Will Rock You returns between July 5 and August 13 and will feature a star-studded cast which includes Coronation Street's Ian Reddington, ex-Hear'Say singer Noel Sullivan and former Birmingham Conservatoire student The X Factor's Rhydian Roberts.

A new production of Evita will take to the stage from September 12 to 24. The show is presented by Bill Kenwright by special arrangement with Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful group and will feature Abigail Jaye as Eva Peron, Mark Powell as Che and Les Mis regular Earl Carpenter as Juan Peron.

Blizzard

Slava's Snowshow returns from November 9 to 13. Led by Russian clown Slava Polunin, the cast create a blizzard indoors as part of their spellbinding, surreal show.

Olivier Award-winning actress Tracie Benett has taken the West End by storm as Judy Garland in Peter Quilter's End of The Rainbow, which charts the life of Garland, and comes to Birmingham between October 17 and 22.

In a nod to Billy Wilder's film Some Like It Hot, Some Like It Hip Hop is a comical tale of love, mistaken identity, cross-dressing and gender stereotypes.

The cast includes Tommy Franzen, who starred in So You Think You Can Dance, Blaze and Goldberg and Teneish Bonner, who has appeared in Into the Hoods, Insane in the Brain and StreetDance 3D. It runs between October 11 and 15.

The city's beloved Birmingham Royal Ballet will perform the gothic fairytale Beauty and the Beast between September 28 and October 2, The Nutcracker from November 25 to December 11.

Welsh National Opera make their regular visits to the Hurst Street theatre with Mozart's Don Giovanni, Rossini's The Barber of Seville and Janacek's Katya Kabanova in November.

They are back in March with Verdi's La Traviata, Beatrice & Benedict by Berlioz, and Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro. Eagerly-awaited highlights for next year include Calendar Girls from January 31 to February 4 and the stage version of hit film Dirty Dancing, which runs from July 4 to August 25 2012.

Before that, panto star Brian Conley returns alongside everyone's favourite TV mum, Lynda Bellingham, in Cinderella over the festive season and into January

Brand

Theatre chief executive Stuart Griffiths, said: "I am certain that this programme is as varied as any we have presented, with a wide array of brand new productions, stunning international companies and the launch of new seasons with new productions from both Birmingham Royal Ballet and Welsh National Opera."

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Walking down a naughty Avenue



Racism and dating are some of the subjects that come under the spotlight in the musical Avenue Q with a cast of actors and puppets

NAUGHTY New York musical Avenue Q, which some have described as an X-rated version of The Muppet Show, was a smash hit in London's West End and is coming to Birmingham with a run at the Hippodrome from Tuesday to Saturday, May 17 to 21.

Racism, pornography, sexuality and dating come under the spotlight for a cast that teams the actors up with colourful puppets in this no-holds-barred musical comedy by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx that takes a bite out of the Big Apple.

To Kill A Mockingbird, Harper Lee's classic tale of a struggle against bigotry and racism in 1930s Alabama, is staged at Wolverhampton Grand from Tuesday to the following Saturday.

Christopher Sergel's stage adaptation sees familiar TV actor Duncan Preston swapping Emmerdale for the Deep South as campaigning lawyer Atticus Finch.

Meanwhile, West Bromwich Operatic Society's production of Lionel Bart musical Oliver continues until Saturday at the Grand.

Mind-bending illusionist and showman Derren Brown continues his residency with new show Svengali at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre to May 21.

Black Country Touring productions are back on the road. Instant Wit, a quick-fire comedy improvisation show, comes to George Salter School in West Bromwich this evening (Thursday, 6.30pm).

Laurie Lorry Theatre bring their comedy play Sausage and Samosa, about a lonely woman who takes a crash course in Asian culture in a bid to find love via an arranged marriage, to West Bromwich town centre venue The Public on Friday, May 20.

The Royal Shakespeare Company's new repertoire is now in full swing at their two theatres in Stratford-upon-Avon. Sara Crowe is the haughty Lady Frugal in Dominic Hill's staging of 17th Century romp The City Madam at The Swan, which it shares with Gregory Doran's vision of 'lost' Shakespeare play Cardenio.

The latest Shakespeare blockbuster opens tomorrow (Friday) with Rupert Goold, the Enron director's version of The Merchant of Venice with Sir Patrick Stewart as Shylock.

It will be sharing the Royal Shakespeare Theatre with Michael Boyd's bloody Macbeth with Jonathan Slinger as the wicked, haunted tyrant. All four plays are in repertoire until October.

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EUROVISION SONG CONTEST 2011

BBC1, 8.00pm

Graham Norton commentates on the entertainment at the Esprit Arena in Dusseldorf, Germany, as reunited pop band Blue represent the UK in the final of the 56th edition of the competition. Though the group - are optimistic their song I Can will bring the UK its first victory since Katrina and the Waves' 1997 triumph, many experts have tipped operatic tenor Amaury Vassili to scoop the prize for France with his epic ballad Sognu. The host nation has pinned its hopes on last year's winner Lena Meyer-Landrut.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Olympic Dreams. An insight into the life of a road cyclist. **1.30** Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) **2.15** Bargain Hunt Famous Finds. (R) **3.00** Film: Father of the Bride. (1991) Comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. **4.40** Don't Scare the Hare. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** So You Think You Can Dance Live. The remaining contestants perform.

6.30 Doctor Who. The Doctor meets an old friend.
7.20 So You Think You Can Dance. The dancers with the fewest votes perform again.
7.50 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. Presented by Jenni Falconer.
8.00 Eurovision Song Contest 2011. Graham Norton commentates on the entertainment at the Esprit Arena in Dusseldorf, Germany, as reunited pop band Blue represent the UK in the final of the annual music competition.
11.15 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.
11.35 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Blackburn Rovers v Manchester United.

12.35 Film: Black Sheep. (2006) Comedy horror, with Nathan Meister, Peter Feeney and Danielle Mason; Weatherview. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: The Spanish Main. (1945) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Paul Henreid. **1.35** Film: Battle Cry. (1955) Second World War drama, starring Van Heflin. **4.00** Two Greedy Italians. (R) **5.00** Flog It! (R) **5.45** Dad's Army. (R)

6.15 The Comedy Genius of John Sullivan. A tribute to the comedy writer, who died last month. (R)
6.45 Citizen Smith. First episode of the late John Sullivan's 1970s comedy, starring Robert Lindsay. (R)
7.15 The Two Ronnies. Vintage comedy. (R)
8.00 Domesday. Historian Stephen Baxter explores his own theory about the purpose of the Domesday Book – an 11th-century record of land and property ownership in England. (R)
9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest hosts John Torode and Gregg Wallace. (R)
9.45 FILM: Blood Diamond. (2006) Premiere. A smuggler helps a fisherman find his missing son in war-torn Sierra Leone, in return for a rare diamond. Action thriller, with Leonardo DiCaprio.

12.00 Later with Jools Holland. (R) **1.05** Film: The Hotel New Hampshire. (1984) Dark comic fantasy, starring Beau Bridges.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** House Gift. (R) **9.25** Coronation Street. **11.45** This Morning: Saturday. **12.45** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** Live FA Cup Final. Stoke City v Manchester City (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.30** Regional Programmes. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New Animals Do the Funniest Things. Comical clips and quirky stories from the animal kingdom, including burping sheep and a snowboarding dog.
7.00 Sing If You Can. Chesney Hawkes, Martin Bayfield and Tricia Penrose take on Craig Doyle, Roxanne Pallett and Leanne Jones, with Patsy Palmer as a panellist. Keith Lemon and Stacey Solomon host.
8.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the latest round of auditions.
9.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: John Prescott. The former deputy prime minister discusses his career and personal life.
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.15 FA Cup Final Highlights. Stoke City v Manchester City.
11.15 FILM: The Enforcer. (1976) Crime thriller sequel, starring Clint Eastwood.

1.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.15** Swingtown. (R) **4.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.00** FIM Superbike World Championship. (R) **7.25** British Formula Ford Championship. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Friends. (R) **9.25** T4: Koko Pop. **10.00** T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. **10.20** T4: Glee. **11.45** T4: Friends. (R) **12.20** T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. **12.40** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.15** That Paralympic Show. **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.30** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.00** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.30** Come Dine with Me Down Under.

6.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under.
6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv.
7.00 The Restoration Man. Converting an old coach house in East Sussex. (R)
8.00 The Untold Battle of Britain. A squadron of Polish pilots who fought in the Battle of Britain. (R)
9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.
10.20 Stand Up for the Week.
11.10 FILM: Epic Movie. (2007) Fantasy spoof, starring Kal Penn.

12.50 Supersize vs Superskinny Kids. (R) **1.45** The Dead Zone. (R) **2.25** The Astronomer's Sun. (R) **2.35** Tomorrow. (R) **2.40** Film: The Cooler. (2003) Drama, starring William H Macy. **4.20** Wild Thing I Love You. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.20** Film: The Green Berets. (1968) Vietnam War adventure, starring John Wayne. **2.05** Film: Mystery Woman: In the Shadows. (2007) Crime mystery, starring Kellie Martin. **3.50** Film: Murder 101: College Can Be Murder. (2007) Murder mystery sequel, starring Dick Van Dyke. (R) **5.30** Film: Major Dundee. (1965) Western, starring Charlton Heston and Richard Harris.

7.55 5 News Weekend.
8.00 NCIS. The team uncovers a case of identity theft. (R)
9.00 CSI: NY. Hawkes is persuaded by his girlfriend Camille to call in sick so he can join her at a food festival, but a stall explodes during the event – exposing his truancy to his colleagues.
10.00 CSI: Miami. A jet skier with a shady past is killed by a piece of slate that later proves to have come from Alexx's own garden, raising suspicions that her son Bryan may be the killer. (R)
11.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team tackles four cases in one night. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **4.10** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.35** HouseBusters. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
4.15 Film: Apollo 13 (1995) **7.00** Superhuman: Genius **8.00** Homes from Hell **9.00** Britain's Got More Talent **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.45** Film: Leaving Las Vegas (1995)

ITV3
1.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot **4.00** Lewis **5.55** Inspector Morse **8.00** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** A Touch of Frost

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Royal Challengers Bangalore v Kolkata Knight Riders and Mumbai Indians v Deccan Chargers. **8.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **9.00** Film: The Day of the Jackal (1973) **11.55** Film: Get Shorty (1995)

BBC THREE
7.00 Fearne & Reggie @ R1BW **7.20** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Tinie Tempah & Black Eyed Peas @ R1BW **9.00** Foo Fighters Live @ R1BW **10.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.45** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 Tiger – Spy in the Jungle **8.00** Julia Bradbury's Iceland Walk **9.00** Film: Tell No One (2006) **11.05** Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks **11.35** Top of the Pops: 1976

E4
3.40 Make It or Break It **4.40** Friends **5.40** Glee **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Friends **10.00** Film: The Omen (2006)

FILM4
3.00 The Colditz Story (1954) **4.50** A Walk in the Clouds (1995) **6.50** Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) Teen detective adventure, starring Nicholas Rowe. **9.00** The Waterboy (1998) Comedy, with Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler and Fairuza Balk. **10.45** Final Destination 2 (2003)

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PERSPECTIVES: HUGH LAURIE DOWN BY THE RIVER

ITV1, 10.15pm

Documentary following the actor as he visits New Orleans on a journey to investigate the roots of jazz and blues, the genres that inspired his life-long passion for music. As well as exploring the city, Hugh also records his own versions of notable songs and performs with his band in Latrobes in the French Quarter, alongside stars including Allen Toussaint, Tom Jones and Irma Thomas.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.55** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** The Politics Show. **1.00** EastEnders. **2.55** Bargain Hunt. **3.20** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.20** Regional Programme. **4.50** Lifeline. **5.00** Points of View. **5.15** Songs of Praise. **5.50** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.10 Land Girls. (R)
7.00 Countryfile. Highlights from the programme's visits to Britain's islands.
8.00 FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl. (2003) A rogue captain and a blacksmith set sail to rescue a governor's daughter from feared supernatural pirates. Adventure, starring Johnny Depp.
10.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.35 Meet the Multiples. Documentary focusing on the experience of bringing up twins, triplets and quadruplets, which has become more common in Britain in the past 10 years.
11.35 FILM: The Night Listener. (2006) Mystery thriller, starring Robin Williams and Rory Culkin; Weatherview.

12.55 Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) **1.55** MasterChef. (R) **2.55** Holby City. (R) **3.55** Churches: How to Read Them. (R) **4.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Live Athletics. The Great Manchester Run. **12.00** World Olympic Dreams. Matthew Pinsent presents a look at preparations for the 2012 Olympic Games. **12.30** Live MotoGP. The French Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.00** Live Swimming. The Great Salford Swim. **3.30** Live Athletics. The Great CityGames Manchester. **5.05** Film: McLintock! (1963) Comedy Western, starring John Wayne.

7.10 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. The design secrets of Formula One cars.
8.00 Britain's Secret Seas. The team visits a gannet colony in the Firth of Forth, Tooni Mahto investigates bottlenose dolphins and Paul Rose meets Navy divers clearing unexploded bombs from Cape Wrath.
9.00 Operation Crossbow. The story of Second World War technicians who used 3D photographs taken by Spitfire pilots to map enemy territory, exposing Hitler's most dangerous secrets in the process.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Chelsea v Newcastle United.
11.20 The Shadow Line. (R)

12.20 Film: On a Clear Day. (2005) Drama, starring Peter Mullan. **1.55** BBC News. **4.00** The Super League Show. **4.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Sing If You Can. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.25** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** Film: Columbo: Dead Weight. (1971) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.10** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.10** Film: The Spy Who Loved Me. (1977) James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore, Barbara Bach and Richard Kiel.

6.30 Regional Programmes.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 The Cube. A hairdresser and a man from Berwick, Northumberland, take up the challenge.
8.00 Vera. A murder at a remote cottage in Northumberland takes DCI Vera Stanhope back to a place full of childhood memories and reminds her of an unsolved case from earlier in her career.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 Perspectives: Hugh Laurie Down by the River. The actor explores jazz and blues in New Orleans.
11.15 Surgery School. The trainees face assessments as the first year comes to a close. Last in the series. (R)

12.15 Premiership Rugby Union. **12.55** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Motorsport UK. **2.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 Sali Mali. (R) **6.05** The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** The Grid. **7.00** Freesports on 4. **7.25** T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. **7.45** T4: Hollyoaks. **10.15** T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. **10.35** T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) **11.10** T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. **11.30** T4: Glee. (R) **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **2.25** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **2.55** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **3.30** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **4.00** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal: Banker's Birthday. **5.30** Time Team. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. Four dinner-party hosts do battle in Exeter.
8.00 The Hotel. Wayne and his staff deal with stinging criticism from guests.
9.00 FILM: Die Hard 4.0. (2007) Tough cop John McClane goes on the trail of a criminal mastermind plotting a technological terror attack on America. Action thriller sequel, with Bruce Willis and Timothy Olyphant.
11.30 FILM: The Business. (2005) Comedy drama, starring Danny Dyer.

1.15 The Dead Zone. (R) **2.00** Civilization: Is the West History? (R) **2.55** Hill Street Blues. (R) **3.45** Wild Thing I Love You. (R) **4.45** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** Sali Mali. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.10** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Hana's Helpline. (R) **7.55** Milkshake! Music Box. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** Family Food Fight. (R) **10.30** OK! TV Sunday. **11.30** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.30** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green – At the Ends of the Earth. (R) **1.30** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **2.35** Film: Gunsmoke. (1953) **4.10** 5 News Weekend. **4.20** Film: Are We Done Yet? (2007)

6.05 FILM: Zathura: A Space Adventure. (2005) Family sci-fi adventure, starring Josh Hutcherson.
8.10 FILM: Practical Magic. (1998) Fantasy, starring Sandra Bullock.
10.00 The Walking Dead.
11.05 FILM: House on Haunted Hill. (1999) Horror remake, starring Geoffrey Rush.

12.50 SuperCasino. **4.00** Rough Guide to Cities. (R) **4.10** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.15 Film: Apollo 13 (1995) **6.00** Britain's Got Talent **7.00** Animals Do the Funniest Things **8.00** Kerry Katona **9.00** Peter Andre: The Next Chapter **10.00** Film: Waterworld (1995)

ITV3
2.00 Inspector Morse **4.05** Film: Summer Holiday (1963) **6.15** Mr Bean **6.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) **10.00** Barbara Windsor Uncut **11.40** Film: Lorenzo's Oil (1992)

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab v Delhi Daredevils and Kochi Tuskers Kerala v Rajasthan Royals. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **10.00** Live Cycling. The Tour of California.

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Lady Gaga: The Build Up @ R1BW **9.00** Lady Gaga Live @ R1BW **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps

BBC FOUR
7.00 A History of Christianity **8.00** The Secret Life of the National Grid **9.00** Shanties and Sea Songs with Gareth Malone **10.00** The History of Safari with Richard E Grant **11.30** Bee Gees: In Our Own Time

E4
3.05 Make It or Break It **4.10** Film: Black Knight (2001) **6.00** Friends **7.00** 90210 **7.55** Friends **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Being Erica **11.55** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
2.45 The Thirty-Nine Steps (1959) **4.35** Planet of the Apes (1968) **6.50** Night at the Museum (2006) **9.00** Don't Say a Word (2001) **11.10** Scary Movie (2000)

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Saints and Scroungers; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Track My Trash: Panorama. **9.00** The Street That Cut Everything. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Street That Cut Everything. **11.05** The Graham Norton Show. (R) **11.50** Film: Churchill: The Hollywood Years. (2004) Comedy, starring Christine Slater; Weatherview. **1.15** Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) **2.15** Arena: Produced by George Martin. (R) **3.45** MasterChef. (R) **4.45** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **1.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Animal 24:7. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Pointless. (R) **5.15** Show Me the Monet. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** The Story of Ireland. **8.00** Business Nightmares with Evan Davis. **9.00** Children's Craniofacial Surgery. **10.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. (R) **12.10** BBC News. **4.05** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** The Dales. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Strangeways. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: A Perfect Murder. (1998) Thriller, with Michael Douglas. **12.35** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** UEFA Champions League Weekly. **3.05** ITV Nightscreen. **4.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Friends. (R) **8.55** Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance. (R) **9.55** Relocation, Relocation. (R) **10.55** A Place by the Sea. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.40** Film: Distant Drums. (1951) Western, with Gary Cooper. **2.40** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Dispatches: The Truth About Going Under the Knife. **9.00** Gordon's Great Escape. **10.00** Film: The Sixth Sense. (1999) Supernatural thriller, starring Bruce Willis. **12.05** The Event. **1.05** Poker. **2.00** The Dead Zone. (R) **2.45** The Moonbird. (R) **3.00** Empire: How Britain Made the Modern World. (R) **4.00** Saxon Gold: Finding the Hoard. (R) **4.55** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.20** Hill Street Blues. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Warship. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **3.10** Film: Returning Lily. (2003) **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** How Do They Do It? **8.00** The Gadget Show; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Hotel Inspector. **10.00** There's Something About Josie. **11.00** Film: Evil Woman. (2001) Comedy, starring Jason Biggs and Jack Black. **12.55** Rough Guide To. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.05** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.15** How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.55** County Secrets. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Crimewatch. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. **10.35** Crimewatch Update. **10.45** See You in Court. **11.15** The Lock Up. (R) **11.45** The Football League Show; Weatherview. **12.50** Sign Zone: The Prison Restaurant. (R) **1.40** The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) **2.40** Churches: How to Read Them. (R) **3.10** One Man and His Campervan. (R) **3.40** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **12.00** The Queen in Ireland: BBC News Special. **1.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Animal 24:7. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Pointless. (R) **5.15** Show Me the Monet. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Britain's Secret Seas. (R) **8.00** Britain's Next Big Thing. **9.00** The Country House Revealed. **10.00** Later Live – with Jools Holland. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Operation Crossbow. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **3.30** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Military Driving School. **8.00** Countrywise. **9.00** Home Is Where the Heart Is. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: The Pelican Brief. (1993) Legal thriller, starring Julia Roberts. **1.10** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.10** Crossing Jordan. **4.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Friends. (R) **8.55** Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance. (R) **9.55** Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) **10.55** A Place by the Sea. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Every Day. (R) **1.05** Water Stories. (R) **1.10** Film: Very Important Person. (1961) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Supersize vs Superskinny. **9.00** The Secret Millionaire. **10.00** Jamie's Food Revolution Hits Hollywood. **11.05** Misfits. **12.10** UK & Ireland Poker Tour. **1.10** Freesports on 4. (R) **1.40** The Grid. (R) **2.05** British Formula Ford Championship. (R) **2.35** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.00** AVP Beach Volleyball. (R) **3.55** Catching the Impossible. (R) **4.45** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Body Building. (R) **4.50** Full Metal Challenge. (R) **5.45** Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Warship. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **3.15** Film: Always and Forever. (2008) Romantic drama, with Rena Sofer and Dean McDermott. **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Highland Emergency; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Supersize Grime; 5 News at 9. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **10.00** CSI: Miami. (R) **10.55** CSI: NY. (R) **11.55** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **12.50** SuperCasino. **4.05** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.15** How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.55** County Secrets. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Waterloo Road; BBC News; Regional News. **8.30** Life of Riley. **9.00** The Apprentice. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Not Going Out. (R) **11.15** Film: Prime. (2005) Romantic comedy, with Uma Thurman and Bryan Greenberg; National Lottery Update; Weatherview. **1.00** Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) **1.30** Watchdog. (R) **2.30** Country Tracks. (R) **3.25** One Man and His Campervan. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** Lifeline. (R) **1.40** Coast. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Animal 24:7. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Pointless. (R) **5.15** Show Me the Monet. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **8.00** Two Greedy Italians. **9.00** Wonderland – A Hasidic Guide to Love, Marriage and Finding a Bride. **10.00** The Apprentice: You're Fired! **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle. **11.50** Film: Citizen Ruth. (1996) Black comedy, starring Laura Dern. **1.30** BBC News. **3.55** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Poms in Paradise. **8.00** The British Soap Awards 2011. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Cops with Cameras. (R) **11.35** Long Lost Family. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Film: Hello, Dolly! (1969) Period musical, starring Barbra Streisand. **5.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Friends. (R) **8.55** Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance. (R) **9.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **10.55** A Place by the Sea. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Every Day. (R) **1.10** Proud Parents. (R) **1.20** Film: Dark Command. (1940) Civil War-era Western, starring John Wayne. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Vacation, Vacation, Vacation. **8.30** Superscrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. **9.00** 24 Hours in A&E. **10.00** Desperate Housewives. **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** Music on 4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. **12.05** Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) **12.20** Music on 4: 4Play: Phoenix Foundation. **12.40** Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Spotlight. (R) **12.50** Film: Against the Ropes. (2004) **2.45** The Dead Zone. (R) **3.30** Barbarians. (R) **4.25** Hill Street Blues. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** Sali Mali. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Warship. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Meals in Moments. (R) **3.15** Film: McBride: The Chameleon Murder. (2005) **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.15** Live UEFA Europa League Football. **10.00** Film: Hollow Man. (2000) **12.15** Poker: Aussie Millions. **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.05** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.15** How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.55** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Watchdog. **9.00** Inside the Human Body. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Question Time. **11.35** This Week; Holiday Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: Track My Trash: Panorama. (R) **12.55** Countryfile. (R) **1.55** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **2.55** Neighbourhood Watched. (R) **3.40** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **1.00** Coast. (R) **1.05** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Animal 24:7. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Pointless. (R) **5.15** Show Me the Monet. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** The Culture Show. **8.00** Business Nightmares with Evan Davis. **9.00** The Shadow Line. **10.00** Psychoville 2. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** The Review Show. **12.05** Children's Craniofacial Surgery. (R) **1.05** The Culture Show. (R) **2.05** BBC News. **4.10** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** The True Cost of a Car: Tonight. **8.00** Emmerdale. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Long Lost Family. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: John Prescott. (R) **11.35** The Late Debate. **12.05** Grimefighters. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** The True Cost of a Car: Tonight. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **4.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Friends. (R) **8.55** Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance. (R) **9.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **10.55** A Place by the Sea. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Every Day. (R) **1.00** 3 Minute Wonder: Good to Know. (R) **1.05** Film: The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw. (1958) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Three in a Bed. **9.00** Hunting Britain's Most Wanted. **10.00** Comedy Gala: Best Bits. **11.05** The Secret Millionaire. (R) **12.10** Music on 4: JD Set Presents. (R) **12.25** Music on 4: 4Play: Mona. **12.40** Music on 4: 4Play: Grinderman. **12.55** The Model Agency. (R) **1.50** Dispatches: The Truth About Going Under the Knife. (R) **2.45** Unreported World. (R) **3.10** Barbarians. (R) **4.10** Wild Thing I Love You. (R) **5.00** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Warship. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **3.10** Film: Secrets of an Undercover Wife. (2007) **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Rough Guide to Mediterranean Islands. (R) **8.00** Emergency Bikers; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green – At the Ends of the Earth. **10.00** Impossible? **11.05** Banged Up Abroad. **12.05** SuperCasino. **4.05** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.15** Colin and Justin's How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.55** Rough Guide to Cities. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Friday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** A Question of Sport. (R) **9.00** Have I Got News for You. **9.30** Outnumbered. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Graham Norton Show. **11.20** The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. **11.30** Film: Ransom. (1996) Thriller remake, starring Mel Gibson. **1.25** The One Show; (R) Weatherview. **2.30** Sign Zone: Monty Don's Italian Gardens. (R) **3.30** The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) **4.30** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.35** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **1.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Animal 24:7. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Pointless. (R) **5.15** Show Me the Monet. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Windfarm Wars. **8.00** Petworth House – The Big Spring Clean. **8.30** Gardeners' World. **9.00** Dirk Gently. **10.00** Frank Skinner's Opinionated. (R) **10.30** Newsnight. **11.00** The Review Show; Weather. **11.50** Later with Jools Holland. **12.55** Film: The Wave. (2008) Premiere. Drama, with Jurgen Vogel. **2.35** BBC News. **4.30** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Baboons with Bill Bailey. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Paul O'Grady Live. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Cube. (R) **11.35** Take Me Out. (R) **12.35** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance. (R) **9.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **10.55** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Every Day. (R) **1.05** 3 Minute Wonder: Good to Know. (R) **1.10** Icons. (R) **1.25** Film: Dragoon Wells Massacre. (1957) Western, starring Barry Sullivan and Dennis O'Keefe. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.30** Unreported World. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. **9.00** The Million Pound Drop Live. **10.25** That Peter Kay Thing. (R) **10.55** PhoneShop. **11.30** The Ricky Gervais Show. **12.00** Comedy Gala: Best Bits. (R) **1.05** Music on 4: Foo Fighters: A New Light. (R) **1.30** My Name Is Earl. (R) **2.15** Ugly Betty. (R) **3.05** Barbarians. (R) **4.05** Wild Thing I Love You. (R) **5.00** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

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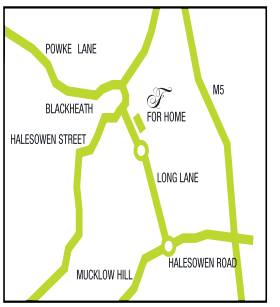
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Take what is suitable? (11)
9. Disentangle one French composer (7)
10. Lawless law (5)
11. It is in fact a long claw (5)
12. Shoots something to eat (7)
13. I've now become available for inspection (2,4)
15. Hostilities cut capital (6)
18. Sing in French first to delight (7)
20. After getting bail somehow, I find an excuse (5)
22. It often does in periods of depression (5)
23. He tells you whose turn is next (7)
24. Sports clubs dances hard hit by rackets perhaps (6,5)

Down

2. There's a risk in being a card-sharer I'll be bound! (5)
3. Be sorry about unrising income (7)
4. Smooth tongue? (6)
5. He won't do much to earn his reputation (5)
6. Mouth-organs? (7)
7. They will have lots to offer (11)
8. Is he found in literary haunts? (5,6)
14. Inject a cubic-centimetre into a climbing plant as a safeguard (7)
16. It may make people turn pale (7)
17. Old punishments may still provide interest (6)
19. Crime of one who satisfied a burning desire? (5)
21. I have timber that's perfect (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Stage make-up (6-5)
9. Set apart (7)
10. Hurl (5)
11. Doomed (5)
12. Refuse (7)
13. Mourn (6)
15. Dormant (6)
18. Public transport (7)
20. A fish (5)
22. Additional (5)
23. Unyielding (7)
24. Shakespeare play (2,3,4,2)

Down

2. Perch (5)
3. Desert (7)
4. Vigour (6)
5. Change (5)
6. Relate (7)
7. Paris landmark (6,5)
8. Yam (5,6)
14. Summary of business (7)
16. A reverse (3-4)
17. Attack (6)
19. A spree (5)
21. Giraffe-like animal (5)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Malinger; 5 Asia; 9 Emit; 10 Athletic; 11 Snarl; 12 Rankles; 13 Press fastener; 18 Sporting; 19 Peep; 20 Epicure; 21 Awash; 22 Site; 23 Stirrups. Down: 2 Almoner; 3 Interns; 4 Entertainment; 6 Set plan 7 Accuser; 8 Planet; 13 Possess; 14 Egotist; 15 Set out; 16 Empower; 17 Evens up. QUICK - Across: 1 Actually; 5 Epic; 9 Poor; 10 Disagree; 11 Lunge; 12 Unction; 13 Sentimentally; 18 Dramatic; 19 Tube; 20 Edifice; 21 Snare; 22 Sage; 23 Assemble. Down: 2 Closure; 3 Upright; 4 Leisureliness; 6 Partial; 7 Cleanly; 8 Lancet; 13 Sadness; 14 Nearing; 15 Italic; 16 Antonym; 17 Liberal.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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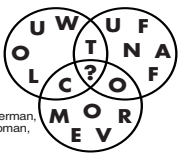


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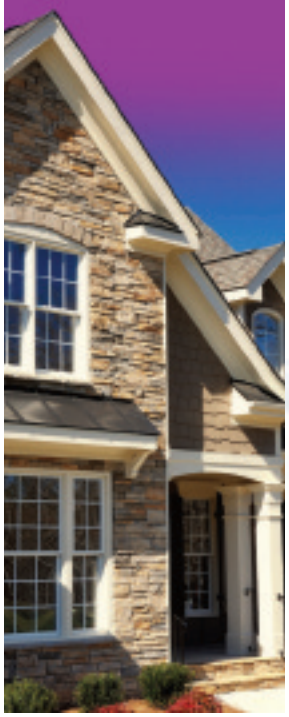
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CD reviews

Small Talk - Twenty Twenty (Geffen)
A throw back to the days of Busted and McFly (when they still had puppy fat). This is boys with guitars power pop, lots of woh-oh choruses and riffs they may have borrowed off an old Cheap Trick album. These East Anglian lads have been to Wolverhampton a couple of times recently (supporting The Saturdays and The Wanted) and judging by their reception at the latter gig, their time may have come. Love's A Freak sounds like a certain hit.

Mirrorwriting - Jamie Woon (Arista)
Woozy R&B with spacey dubstep tendencies from a singer-songwriter from London. Akin to that other dubstepper turned singer-songwriter James Blake but Woon's songs are less minimalist. Songs like Night Air, Lady Luck and Middle having a strong pop appeal enhanced by the amospheric electronics. Woon will be in concert at Birmingham HMV Institute on June 6.

Outside Looking In - Delta Maid (Geffen)
Hailing from Merseyside but sounding more Mississippi, Delta Maid has a voice as crystal clear as a mountain spring and writes perfectly decent bluesy country songs. Vocally she recalls the likes of Dolly Parton and Tammy Wynette, which is pretty good company, but has a modern approach to her songs that has seen her support the likes of Seth Lakeman and Ray LaMontagne. This is a solid and likeable debut album.

Cat's Eyes (Polydor).
Canadian singer Rachel Zeffira and Faris Badwan, lead singer of British rockers The Horrors, bonded over a shared love of 1960s girl groups, such as The Shangri-Las, and the result is this highly atmospheric semi-homage to the echoey, whispered, big beat sounds of the 60s. They come across as a kind of Goth Sonny and Cher with nods to Nancy Sinatra and Lee Hazelwood, Marianne Faithful, Nick Cave, Goldfrapp, Saint Etienne and Phil Spector's entire output. I imagine they would have a permanent residency in the town of Twin Peaks.



Power pop boys Twenty Twenty – their time may have come

Destroyed - Moby (EMI).
Globetrotting synth master Moby apparently wrote these songs on his laptop in hotel bedrooms during bouts of insomnia caused by time zone body clock confusion, and finished them off in his Manhattan studio. The results are synthetic symphonies with surging melodies, a perfect soundtrack for the kind of deserted sodium-lit cityscapes that the bleary-eyed Moby must have seen from his window at 3am. Moby sings on a couple of tracks, guest female vocalists on others and some are pure instrumentals. In atmosphere and style Destroyed also owes something to Kraftwerk's classic Neon Lights and Bowie's Low album. The finest moment is the track Stella Maris with its cathedral air of heavenly floating vocals.

Vices & Virtues - Panic! at the Disco (Fuelledbyramen)
The American rockers overcome a radical line-up revamp to bounce back with a confident and rather likeable brash pop-rock album, somewhat akin to their fellow Las Vegans The Killers. Stand out tracks include The Ballad of Mona Lisa, Hurricane and the distinctly A-ha-like Memories.

Free - Twin Atlantic (Red Bull)
Howling guitars from a hard-riffing Glaswegian outfit with a definite Celtic feel to their Tartan Foo Fighters-like attack, crafted by ace producer Gil Norton. This, their first full album, could be the start of something big.

Toy Horses (Albino)
A step-dad/step-son duo from Wales who used Myspace to gain attention for their songs, picking up radio airplay and being flown over to America to record this debut album with ex-Wilco member Ken Croomer, who was won over by the songs on their Myspace page. Toy Horses are 21-year-old Adam D Franklin and his step-father 40-year-old Tom Williams. When they play together there is no sign of a generation gap and they do have a knack for a catchy song with a Ray Davies feel to their folk-flavoured semi-acoustic pop numbers.



A Little Brighter - Pete Lawrie (Island)
A young Welshman from Liverpool, Lawrie has a pleasantly husky voice and a clutch of good songs that reveal his influences – Paul Simon, Bruce Springsteen, Elbow – whilst remaining original. A Little Brighter is just missing that stand-out song to propel him into the forefront but Half As Good and the hazy Paper Thin come close.

The Sound of Sunshine - Michael Franti and Spearhead (Capital)
As you may expect, given the title, these are summery sounds, reggae hybrids with pop and hip hop and even, on probable hit I'll Be Waiting, stadium rock in a U2 mode.

Leon Burakowski

Games reviews

Operation Flashpoint: Red River (15, Codemasters)
THE 'War on Terror' moves to Tajikistan, between Afghanistan and China, in this hardcore US military first person shooter from Codemasters.

You play Kirby, leader of a four man contingent of US Marines. Your boots are dropped on the ground and then you have to use your wits in a guerilla war with insurgents. But things really hot up when the Chinese Army get involved.

This isn't for casual thrill-seekers. Missions are long and multi-stage with enemies often engaged at a distance (keep that sniper rifle handy). The pace is slow a build-up with sudden bursts of action, which maybe more like real warfare.

The controls take a while to become familiar and as the leader you must remember to keep in close contact with your men.

But it is much more satisfying to lead a successful team mission than running around firing at everything that moves. Online its even more of a challenge, surprisingly cerebral for a shooter . . . this one is for wannabe officers rather than gung-ho grunts.

The graphics are stunning. Tajikistan is realised in dusty mountainous glory. Sometimes you will find yourself squinting into the low sun.



Section 8 Prejudice is a good looking action romp

I do hope Codemasters keep the franchise pure with no silly zombie modes because with this sim you can almost taste the Tajikistan dust.

The certificate is probably not so much for the violence than for the expletive-studded soldier banter. If there was an award for imaginative cussing, this would be a certain winner.

Operation Flashpoint: Red River was reviewed on Xbox 360 and is also available for PS3 and PC.

Section 8 Prejudice (16, TimeGate).
Available to download from XBLA for 1200 points (around a tenner), this is the sequel to the Texan developers' 2009 Section 8 sci-fi shooter that was rather unfairly dismissed by many as a Halo clone.

This is a good looking action romp with you playing a hi-tech super soldier in an Iron Man-like armoured body suit, sky diving onto alien planets to take on those who threaten Earth's colonies.

Equipped with a jetpack and an array of weaponry, plus the ability to lock-on to targets, Prejudice is a blaster's paradise.

The campaign mode with its various missions as the story unfolds can see gamers happily while away the hours.

It's instant success on Live Arcade suggests gamers reckon Prejudice is a pretty good bargain.

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Operation Flashpoint: Red River has stunning graphics but it is not for the casual thrill-seeker, the pace is a slow build-up with sudden bursts of action

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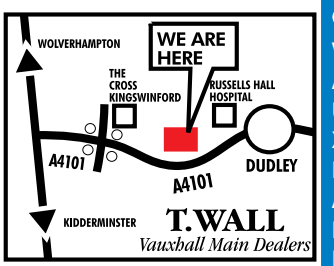
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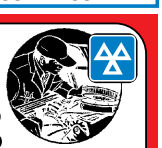
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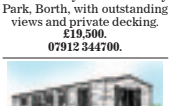
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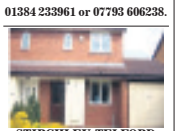
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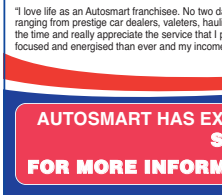
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sport

Toss crucial as rain ensures draw

BEWDLEY came away with a losing draw at Droitwich. With the weather forecasters predicting rain, the toss was particularly important, and skipper Rob Combes lost it.

Asked to bat in this Worcester Cricket League

BEWDLEY 225-7 (6 PTS)
DROITWICH 159-2 (13 PTS)

game, Bewdley ran up a competitive total of 226-7. Nick Wilkinson (48) anchored the innings sensibly, and Combes rode his luck a little for a brisk 71.

Ben Jones Jnr (22) again looked in good nick before being cruelly run out, and Gareth Lewis made an attractive 36 not out for Bewdley.

But it was clear at tea that rain would intervene, so Droitwich were able to take risks knowing that they had no chance of being bowled out. In the event, they raced to 159-2 off only 29 overs before the premature finish, but Bewdley did not help themselves by dropping several catches.

Bewdley's second and third team games were called off.

Fightback thriller is too late for brave KCs

ASTON OLD EDWARDIANS 24 KCs 22

AFTER half an hour of this North Midlands Shield rugby semi final it looked as if Kidderminster Carolians were in for a thrashing like Stoke gave Bolton at Wembley, *writes Martin Easton.*

But at the end of a match which lasted 91 minutes owing to a catalogue of injuries, it was the hosts who were mightily relieved.

This was KCs' first game for three weeks and the difference in match fitness and sharpness between the teams was apparent.

With three minutes on the clock Eds centre Andy Wood sliced through to score under the posts.

KCs then lost influential fullback Andy McLellan with rib damage and although skipper John Mounter reduced the arrears with a penalty, Aston hit back inside a minute when No. 15 Terry Finn brushed through an unconvincing tackle to score.

Tom McNamee's touchline conversion saw KCs trailing 14-3 and then No. 8 Alex Baldwin was forced off with a shoulder injury.

Astray

A McNamee penalty added another three points and when Eds right wing Andy Tovey was allowed to run from almost halfway through a series of flimsy challenges for another try under the posts, the game looked as good as over at 24-3.

KCs, however, began to get into their stride and, ten minutes before the break, back row Rob Delahay finished off a catch and drive from a 15 metre lineout and Mounter's conversion reduced the arrears to 24-10.

KCs had found a weak spot and, four minutes into the second period, strong running and good handling won two penalties which were both kicked to the corner.

From the second lineout the forwards again drove over for another Delahay try.

At 24-15 KCs were further disrupted when they lost prop Ben Turner with an arm injury. The frequent stoppages suited Aston who were happy to slow the game down after Finn was sin-binned.

A weak Eds clearance kick was fielded by Chris Baldwin and two long passes sent in centre Jake Evetts. Mounter converted, but Eds clung on for place in the final.

Blades sharp off tee

KIDDERMINSTER Golf Club ladies three-ball alliance, the first open of the season was won by June Blades, Linda Clarke and Shirley Caswell, of Kidderminster, with 77 points. The ladies Tuesday Stableford went to Ann Billingham with 37 points.

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Harriers keen on new boy Robbie after debut

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers are to offer striker Robbie Thompson-Brown the chance to win a new contract next season after bringing him back to Aggborough.

The teenager played the last 15 minutes of Harriers' final game of the season against Histon on April 30 as, with the chance of the play-offs gone, manager Steve Burr rotated his side.

Thompson-Brown has been turning out for Stratford. As the Midland Alliance club are only part-time, the 18-year-old has been able to train with the squad for spells back at Aggborough.

Harriers hold the player's registration to play in the Blue Square Premier, on a dual basis with Stratford.The youth team graduate has impressed Burr with his attitude and determination to carve out a future for himself with Harriers, with the manager revealing he will invite the player back for pre-season training.And, should Thompson-Brown apply himself, the Harriers boss could offer him a contract. Burr said: "He was good, I'm really pleased for Robbie. He's one for the future and we'll be having another look at him in pre-season."Harriers finished sixth in this season's Blue Square Premier but any hopes that the play-off race might be opened again by fourth-placed Wrexham being deducted points have come to an end. The Dragons have now settled their tax bill.

Summer

Kidderminster Harriers signed their fourth player to a new contract for next season with left-back Mike Williams penning a one-year deal.

The 24-year-old joins defender Michael Briscoe, midfielder Callum Gittings, striker Jamille Matt and goalkeeper Danny Lewis in committing to the club for the next year, while skipper Keith Briggs, winger David Hankin and right- back Lee Vaughan still have 12 months left on their deals.

Williams was a regular in the team which came close to reaching the Blue Square Premier play-offs, finishing sixth in the table. He has made 43 appearances since joining Harriers as a free agent from Wrexham last summer.

The former Wales youth international has settled in the area and was keen to get his future resolved before the team broke up for the close season.

Manager Steve Burr and assistant Gary Whild also signed new terms to keep them at Aggborough for another three years, and Williams admitted that was key in his own decision to stay.

He said: "It's going to be nice to be able to go away on my holidays and not have to worry about that side of things.

"Everyone knows about the gaffer and his ambition to push forward so, as soon as I knew that he and Gary Whild would be signing new deals, I knew I wouldn't be too far behind.

"We have a sound base now from which to kick on."



New boy Robert Thompson-Brown, in action against Histon on April 30

LOSING HABITS QUICK TO FORM

KVCC 158-8 (40 OVERS), KNOWLE & DORRIDGE 160-4 (36 OVERS). K & D (20 PTS) BEAT KVCC (2PTS) BY SIX WICKETS

KIDDERMINSTER Victoria lost the toss and were invited to bat in the Birmingham League Premier Division, *writes Brian Gittins.*

On 22, a Matt Pardoe shot was diverted by the bowler onto the wicket with fellow-opener Craig Wood out of his ground.

Pardoe and Neil Pinner took the score to 51, but Pardoe, on 30, was caught by Alec Baker off Neil Coley.

Only five more runs were added when Attik Chishti struck, removing Neil Pinner who fell to a catch by Will Mottram for 11.

James Ralph was bowled for five before being caught and KVCC were now struggling on at 60, with half the overs bowled.

KVCC then saw a partnership of 69 between skipper Jonathan Wright and Andrew Kimberlin. Wright went onto the attack and was out for 52, caught Richard Johnson bowled Luke Parker. Wright hit three fours and four sixes.

Boundary

Richard Kimberlin was caught Tom McNeilly bowled Chishti first ball and he was soon followed by Mark Mansell, who was bowled for eight.

Andrew Kimberlin, having played really well, giving great support to Wright, faced 47 balls and batted for 80 minutes, scoring 29, before he was run out.

Chishti was the best K&D bowler, taking 3-83.

K & D only required four runs per over to overhaul KVCC's score and they did it with plenty to spare. Their top scorers were Parker (49), Johnson (41) and Chishti (33).

Wright (2-25) and Pardoe (2-27) were the KVCC wicket-takers, but all the bowlers performed. reasonably well. Perhaps the highlight of the innings was a superb catch on the boundary by John Rowan.

WOLVERHAMPTON 231-5 (45 OVERS) KVCC 219 (44.3 OVERS)

DEFEAT is already becoming an unfortunate habit for Kidderminster Victoria this season.

They lost the toss and were asked to field against Wolverhampton in the first round of the National Knock-out.

With their openers out for only 0 and 5, it looked as if Wolverhampton had made a wrong call. But Simon Lycett (42), Aaron Jeavons (77) and Dan Bowyer (70 not out) put them in a strong position.

Richard Kimberlin was the pick of the KVCC bowling, taking 3-28 off his allotted nine overs.

Harpal Singh, usually a county league player, made his 1st XI debut and bowled well, only conceding 23 runs from five overs.

Mark Mansell was the other wicket-taker for KVCC with1-29.

With five of Kidderminster's leading batsmen on county or minor county duty, it was not easy, but Chris Pyke hit a good 87 and Jonathan Wright 53. Marc Edwards was run out on 30.

Aaron Jeavons rounded off a superb performance for Wolverhampton by taking 5-37. Dave Manning took 2-32, with Chris Lowe and Simon Lycett getting one wicket each as KVCC were all out for 219 in the final over.

This Saturday, KVCC travel to Barnt Green for a noon start.



Rory Gulliver



Arran Gulliver

Gullivers travel to a silver

THERE was a massive entry of nearly 40 teams for the Pineland Judo Team Championships sponsored by Pineland Furniture at Gilt Edge Leisure Centre.

Kidderminster's Samurai Judo Club organised the event with Pineland. Their boys lightweight red belts, with William Taylor, Joe Edwards and Luke Haynes, were too inexperienced, but gave a good account of themselves

In the boys heavyweights the Samurai had more experience, with brothers Rory and Arran Gulliver and on-loan Paddy License. The other team had Ryan Humphries, Tom Richardson and Ryan Hardiman.

The Gullivers' team started with a narrow 2-1 defeat against Kettering, but then the brothers took out Renrukan Judo Club to ensure the team got through the pool.

The other Samurai team beat the other Kettering team, and though they lost to a Bristol area team they were also through. Their problem was that Ryan Humphries was giving away massive weight, but he battled away superbly whilst Tom and Ryan Hardiman were winning.

In the quarters, Kettering were too strong for the Ryans and Tom, but as they got to the final this brought the Samurai lads back in and they fought their way to the play-off for bronze, which they were unlucky to lose 2-1.

In the other half both Gullivers won as their team sorted out Bristol and then Nottinghamshire in the semi-final.

The final, a rematch against Kettering, ended in the same losing score as before, 2-1.

Weather the main weekend winner

WORCESTER CRICKET LEAGUE

SEVERAL clubs paid the price, as expected for the recent sunshine with a typically wet and cold Saturday, *writes Chris Marsh.*

However, Stourbridge were far enough north to escape any ill-effects and they crushed Romsley in style, with James Musk bagging 93 not out and taking four wickets.

They head Division One with two maximum hauls.

Romsley, who have suffered from close season defections, bring up the rear in the standings with just three points from two matches.

Last week's other two sides with 24 points, Worcester Nomads and Bromyard, saw home matches with Oldswinford and Redditch respectively frustrated by the weather.

This allowed Droitwich to leapfrog into second with a winning draw against Bewdley.

Worcester now sit in fifth following a narrow winning draw against Pedmore.

Abandoned

The match at Astwood Bank saw the home side cling on for a winning draw against Pershore.

In Division Two, Burghill lead the way after a winning draw at home to Colwall and Belbroughton's abandoned match at Monmouth was enough for them to hold on to second.

Dominies' victory at Coombs Wood was the only other result

Division Three has just Rushwick with two maximums after thrashing Alvechurch. Third are Chaddesley who beat Himbleton.

The only other game saw a fine 128 not out by Matt Branch, of Enville, who piled up 276-2 to draw against Harvington, who scored no points at all with 82-7.

Bewdley wreck champs' party

TIVIDALE 0 BEWDLEY TOWN 3

Bewdley Town went to newly crowned league champions Tividale and ended the season in style with a superb win which ruined the hosts' unbeaten home record.

Town also became the only side to do the double over Tividale.

Bewdley took the lead in the first half with a well taken Chris Seekings goal after a great through ball from Craig Webb.

Resolute

In the second half Tividale put Bewdley under pressure but could not breach a resolute defence with Richard Costello and player of the season Sean Wright both outstanding.

Ollie Smith bundled the ball over the line to make it 2-0 and Town completed the win with another well-taken Chris Seekings goal following a long clearance from Darren Steadman.

It looks good for next season.

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